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NAVAL RAID STIMULATES RECRUITING

GERMAN BOMBARDMENT KILLED SEVENTY-FOUR 147 PERSONS INJURED

Men of Kitchener's New Army Receive Baptism of Fire at Hartlepool Where Casualties Were Greatest, Raiders Had Accurate Range of New Defences.

	Dead	Wounded
Hartlepool	55	35
Scarborough	17	30
Whitby	2	2
Total	74	147

London, Dec. 17.—The crippling of telephone and telegraph wires by the bombardment yesterday of three ports on the east coast of England by German cruisers, together with the precautions thrown about these towns by the police and military authorities, made it impossible even to-day, more than twenty-four hours after the shelling of Scarborough, the Hartlepool, and Whitby, to obtain more than an approximate estimate of the civilian dead and wounded.

According to an official statement, 55 persons met death in the Hartlepool, while 115 were wounded. At Scarborough 17 dead and 30 wounded was the toll. Both official and unofficial estimates place the casualties at Whitby at two dead and two wounded. Of the Hartlepool casualties seven of the dead were soldiers, while of the wounded, fourteen men belonged to the military.

Hartlepool, Eng., Dec. 17.—The first men of Earl Kitchener's new army to come under fire were the local militia, who were sent out to man the defence trenches on the seaford when the German raiders appeared. They were shelled by the enemy, who had the range of the new defences with accuracy which suggests information by spies.

The militiamen stood their baptism of fire splendidly, especially when it is considered that they were powerless to make a reply, as the firing had to be left to the heavy guns.

The officer in command had a narrow escape when a shell struck the earth mound, burying him and three men in the trench. Fortunately all were unhurt.

The casualties in the trenches were seven killed and fourteen wounded, most of them in a single company.

Scarborough, Eng., Dec. 17.—The Queen of English Watering Places has recovered to-day from the unexpected bombardment and the feeling is one of bitter anger at the town's helplessness when, under the guns of the German squadron.

The first warning sound of distant firing which attracted little attention except from the military authorities came at 5.30 in the morning. At 5.45 three German war craft, which the majority of spectators agreed were one battle cruiser and two light cruisers, loomed out of a heavy fog so close underneath the cliffs that they were unable to train their guns on the wireless station on the heights.

However, the big resort hotels on the esplanade and the old town offered tempting targets and a rain of shrapnel and high explosive shells began to fall in this section, doing great damage to the hotels and destroying houses and shops in the poorer districts. A woman in one of these shops was literally blown to pieces.

One of the light cruisers did most of the firing. She let go with her stern guns and then, manoeuvring further out, devoted her broadsides to the most conspicuous buildings on the higher ground. As the result of this bombardment three shells found a target in the Scarborough hospital, one tearing a chimney from the roof, another striking the nurses' home, and the third demolishing the ornamental facade above the entrance. The wall of the old castle, which looks formidable, but which has been unoccupied for hundreds of years, was breached by an eight-inch shell.

The gunners now got the correct elevation of the wireless station, but failed to damage it, most of the shells falling in an adjacent field, the turf of which was ploughed up by them.

Some of the better class of residences now began to suffer, one of the first being the home of Russell Tea, M.P. for the district. His life and that of his wife were saved by the fact that they had gone down for an early breakfast and were in the kitchen, the only part of the house untouched, the rest being a total wreck. At the same time a small house occupied by a soldier, his wife and their child and nephew, was struck by an explosive shell, reducing the place to kindling wood and killing the whole family.

The bombardment now had been go-

ing on for fifteen minutes and the town was given a five-minute breathing spell. The streets were cleared of people when the light cruiser, after turning, brought a new broadside into play. The German squadron then faced what looked like a deserted city. The gunners directed their attention to the railroad station, with the result that a whole row of houses, including a church in a nearby street, were wrecked, but without loss of life, as the occupants had sought safe refuge. The second bombardment was more violent than the first but did less damage.

At the expiration of this second fifteen-minute period of firing, the warships drew off in a northerly direction, and when the people of Scarborough again heard the booming of the dreaded guns at 9 o'clock, the town of Whitby, up the coast was the victim.

During the early stage of the bombardment the screaming shells caused an indescribable pandemonium. Later the people became still as death under the thunder of the guns which rose to a tremendous crescendo when the full broadsides were used.

When the ships drew off the search for killed and wounded began. At the hospital, where the wounded began to arrive, the large entry hall witnessed many pitiable scenes as anxious relatives awaited the results of the surgeons' examinations. Among the wounded were many women and children, an infant of four months had its skull fractured by a bit of shrapnel while in the arms of its mother, who escaped unscathed. A surgeon at the hospital had a marvelous escape when the casing of an eight-inch shell burrowed into the ground at his feet.

The military authorities, assisted by the police, directed the exodus of the people from the city. Women were favored with seats on the train, with the result that but few men departed from the town.

The pathetic helplessness of refugees brought home the reality of war to this part of England. Many poor people whose homes were destroyed, sought refuge in nearby towns. Crowds of them waited about the station, thinking that the scenes of the morning were about to be re-enacted.

One of the first notices posted instructed citizens to bring to the police station all unexploded shells. In accordance with these instructions, a policeman brought in a projectile which he had picked up in the street. Examination showed it had not exploded, so it was plunged into a bucket of water.

By nightfall the town bore an outward appearance of calm, but anxious groups lingered about the streets.

Many persons in these groups were unappearing in their expressions of resentment because the town was helpless to retaliate on the raiders.

London, Dec. 17.—All naturalized Germans in the seaport of Sunderland, a short distance north of the English coast towns which were bombed by the Germans yesterday, were arrested overnight, according to a dispatch published by the Exchange Telegraph company.

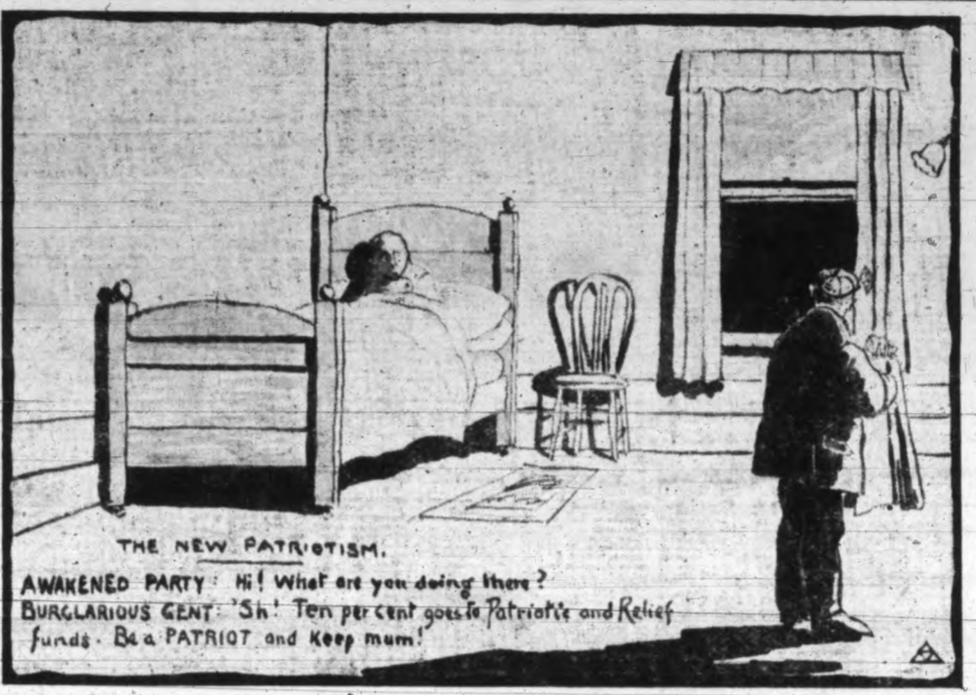
Berlin, Dec. 17, via Amsterdam.—Concerning the shelling of Scarborough and Hartlepool, the Berliner Tageblatt says: "Again our naval forces, facing danger of the scattered mines in the North Sea, shelled English fortified places."

The Deutsche Tages Zeitung expresses satisfaction with the attack, especially immediately after the naval battle off the Falkland islands. The Berlin Neueste Nachrichten has this comment: "This time it is not a daring cruiser trick with the transitory throwing of a bomb, but a regular bombardment of fortified places which is a new voucher for the gallantry of the navy."

The Boerden Zeitung says: "The bombardment is possibly the herald of great events."

SOON OPEN DUCHESS OF CONNAUGHT'S HOSPITAL

London, Dec. 17.—Arrangements are well in hand for the opening of the Duchess of Connaught's hospital of one hundred beds at Cleveland, Buckinghamshire, which will be supported by the Canadian Red Cross. Col. Ford, of the Canadian army medical corps, will have charge.



THE NEW PATRIOTISM.
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ALLIES ARE ADVANCING IN BELGIUM GREAT BATTLE GERMANS NOW ON THE DEFENSIVE NEAR WARSAW

Paris, Dec. 17.—The French war office gave out an official statement to-day, as follows: "Between the sea and the Lys we have occupied several German trenches at the point of the bayonet, consolidated our positions at Lombartevde and St. Georges and organized the territory taken from the enemy to the west of Gheluvelt."

"We have made progress at some points in the region of Yermelles."

"There has been no infantry action along the remainder of the front, but we report very effective shooting of our heavy artillery in the environs of Tracy le Val, on the Aisne and in Champagne, as well as in the Argonne and in the region of Verdun."

"In Lorraine and in Alsace there is nothing to report."

London, Dec. 17.—In the western area of the war, especially in Flanders, the roles of the contending armies would appear to-day to have been clearly reversed. All the recent official communications, issued by both the allies and the Germans, refer to the allied offensive from Ypres to the sea. Consequently the Germans are on the defensive. A British squadron still is standing off the coast and has aided the attack in the vicinity of Nieuport, but nowhere has marked progress been noted. It may be said, nevertheless, that the attempt of the allies to push the Germans out of Belgium has definitely begun and that the results so far recorded in Flanders have converted the German line into a series of tenaciously held positions rather than a straight front; at many points allied wedges have been driven in.

Russia claims to have checked for the moment the movement of the Austrians across the Carpathian passes, she contends also that she has pushed the Germans further back toward the East Prussian frontier, at the northern extremity of the eastern front. West of Warsaw, however, the Germans continue their advance.

The German press, commenting on the situation in the west has expressed the opinion that operations of importance are impending in Alsace, where it is said French reinforcements are being brought up. A few French attacks from the direction of Toul is also expected in Berlin. It is added that the German guns did considerable damage to the French position in the Vosges, south of St. Die.

DUKE OF CONNAUGHT INSPECTING TROOPS TO-DAY AT MONTREAL

Montreal, Dec. 17.—His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught arrived here this afternoon at 2 o'clock from St. John's, where he inspected the 22nd French-Canadian battalion. He then reviewed the 24th battalion (Victoria Rifles) on the Champ De Mars, and inspected the 6th brigade, C.E.F., the field ambulance unit, reserve park, supply details No. 3 and No. 4, C.A.S.C., and the sixth divisional train, C.A.S.C.

From the drill hall his royal highness drove to the McGill university campus, where the McGill battalion and C.O.T.C. was inspected. At the University club he met the officers of the McGill organization, and then visited the headquarters of the Montreal branch of the Canadian patriotic fund.

In the evening his royal highness has consented to be the guest of Lieut.-Col. Gunn and the officers of the 24th battalion at a dinner to be given in the St. James club.

THREE STEAMERS SUNK BY NORTH SEA MINES

Eltermater and Princess Olga included Latter's Crew Escaped Drowning.

South Shields, Eng., Dec. 17.—Three steamers, one believed to be a passenger steamer, were sunk by mines in the North Sea off Flamborough Head last night.

Only one of these three vessels has so far been identified. This is the steamer Eltermater. Twelve of her crew were saved, but seven lost their lives. The casualties on the other ships have as yet not been determined, but it is reported that the crew and passengers of the passenger vessel were seen taking to their boats.

The admiralty has announced that all traffic between Flamborough Head and Newcastle has been stopped indefinitely.

THREE ARMY CORPS FROM WEST SENT TO RUSSIAN FRONT

London, Dec. 17.—The correspondent of the Times in Petrograd understands that three additional corps from the west have reached the German armies on the Russian front, making altogether nine corps, which have reached Field Marshal von Hindenburg within a month. The Germans were thirty able, he says, to send two corps to Hungary while retaining twenty corps on the Polish front.

The Times correspondent adds that it appears that 170,000 Austro-Germans have already crossed the Duka and neighboring passes in the Carpathian mountains. The Austrian contingent, he says, include three active corps, the withdrawal of which from the Serbian front led to disaster there.

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NINETEEN MILLIONS FOR CANAL WORKS REQUIRED

Washington, Dec. 17.—Colonel Goethals, governor of the Panama canal zone, sailed from Colon to-day for New York. He is coming to Washington to appear before congressional committees in charge of appropriations for the canal work. It is estimated more than \$19,000,000 will be needed for the construction of drydocks, machine shops and coal wharves, necessary to repair and supply the increasing volume of shipping using the canal.

Colonel Goethals informed the war department to-day that "excepting reports of misuse of wireless he knew of no violation of neutrality at the canal zone. He suggested that under the circumstances neutrality might be violated without detection or proof unless he had ships to patrol the waters."

PTOMAIN POISONING IN BLACK HEATH CAMP

London, Dec. 17.—One hundred and fifty cases of ptomaine poisoning are reported among the troops stationed at Black Heath. Medical experts have been sent and are taking adequate steps to cope with the disease.

Black Heath is an open common, covering 200 acres. In the county of Kent, five miles east of St. Paul's, London. It is the favorite place of holiday resorts for the inhabitants of the metropolis, but since the war, according to the foregoing dispatch, it has apparently been turned into a training ground for new troops.

MEN RUSH TO JOIN ARMY FOR DEFENCE OF GREAT BRITAIN

Generally Believed That Germans Carried Out Attack Through Agency of Spies—Nothing Since Heard of Enemy's Cruiser Squadron.

Preparations Made at Coast Points for Protection of Civilian Population—London Organizes National Guard for Local Protection.

London, Dec. 17.—The German naval raid on the east coast of England has had the effect of stimulating recruiting in the British Isles. The announced number of men joining the colors to-day is attributed almost solely to this cause.

The increase in recruiting is particularly marked in London, where the rush of applicants resembles in many respects the scenes witnessed at the outbreak of the war.

Other results are preparations at coast points for the protection of the civilian population in cases of further German attacks, and the organization in London of a national guard for local defence.

Preparations at Deal and Dover.

Although to the British mind a raid on London seems remote, yesterday's episode drove home the realities of war as little else could. Arrangements have been made at Deal and Dover to expedite the removal of the civilian population in case of an attack. These measures are primarily to forestall panic or congestion on the railroads and thoroughfares which might impede military movements.

Through wireless telegraphy, Berlin promptly heard of the outcome of the visit of the German cruisers to the English coast, and this morning a wireless message from the capital picked up here, repeated details of the attack as printed by British papers yesterday. Nothing has been added from German official sources. Steaming at high speed the German raiders, barring mishap, should have reached their advance naval base off Heligoland some time after midnight last night, their trip requiring about 15 hours. Thirty hours out of port on such a venture in mine-laden waters is a feat English papers do not belittle, and in his heart every Britisher hopes that it will be essayed again, and if necessary again, until the call is paid once too often.

Trawlers Are Sweeping Sea For Mines.

It is presumed that behind them the German cruisers strewed mines, so a fleet of trawlers is now out engaged in the precarious task of sweeping.

The belief is general that the Germans in this expedition had the able assistance of spies. The remarkable secrecy with which the raid was executed was shown by the fact that not a single incoming vessel at any east coast port saw the German ships prior to their sudden appearance.

The nearest parallel to this visit of yesterday is found in the activities of John Paul Jones, the terror of British shipping, who menaced English coast towns in 1779.

GERMAN STEAMER SUNK BY RUSSIAN WARSHIP

Petrograd, Dec. 17.—It was officially announced to-day that the steamer Derwent, of the German Levantian line was found navigating off the Turkish coast near Kerasunt and was sunk by a Russian warship after all on board the merchantman had been ordered to leave. Only two Turkish officers and twelve soldiers obeyed the order and the others went down with the steamer. Kerasunt is a seaport of Asiatic Turkey, 70 miles west of Trebizond, on the Black Sea.

FAMILY WILL HAVE SAD LANDING IN ENGLAND

London, Dec. 17.—The body of the late Lieut. Parker, assistant Red Cross commissioner, who died Saturday, is awaiting the arrival of Mrs. Parker and her four children, now on the Hesperian inward bound. The funeral probably will be held on this side.

CREW AND CADETS LOST WHEN BEETHOVEN SANK

London, Dec. 17.—In a dispatch from Rome the correspondent of the Central News says: "A Trieste official has announced the blowing up by a mine and the sinking of the Austrian training ship Beethoven with the loss of the crew and all the cadets on board."

TO BUY CAVALRY HORSES DIRECT FROM FARMERS

Winnipeg, Dec. 17.—Colonel A. D. MacRae, of Vancouver, who has been appointed Canadian government remount officer for Western Canada, arrived to-day to commence purchase of horses throughout prairie provinces to be used by cavalry and artillery detachments of second Canadian and future contingents for the war.

"We propose to start purchase of horses at once," he said, "and we will adopt a policy in the future of buying direct from farmers and owners, instead of dealers and speculators. We are going to try to deal fairly with every district in Western Canada. We will require a considerable number of horses of a suitable type."

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REGRET AT DEATH OF SENATOR JAFFRAY

London, Dec. 17.—Senator Jaffray's death caused much regret among the Canadian community here. When on a visit here last summer Senator Jaffray attended a luncheon in his honor, presided over by the late Lord Strathcona,

on the latter's ninety-third birthday. In his speech the senator remarked that it was 17 years since he previously was in England, but from what he saw he was convinced England was anything but asleep, to which Punch replied, "Quite right, Senator. It's the darned motor buses that cause insomnia. They would keep even Canada awake."

DEFEAT OF AUSTRIANS IS TERRIBLE TRAGEDY

Roads Along Which Army Fled Littered With Corpses; Hospitals in Filthy State

London, Dec. 17.—A correspondent of the Times, who journeyed over the path of the great Austrian retreat from Serbia, telegraphs from Valjevo as follows:

"There are a myriad of evidences of the completeness of the great debacle which far surpasses similar incidents in the Balkan war."

"This retreat is a terrible tragedy. The roads along which the Austrians fled are littered with corpses and impediments of every description. What impresses everyone most is the appalling filth which the Austrians left behind them. The hospitals containing their wounded are in a pestilential state. It is impossible to enter many of the rooms owing to the stench. The Serbians are busily engaged in trying to restore order."

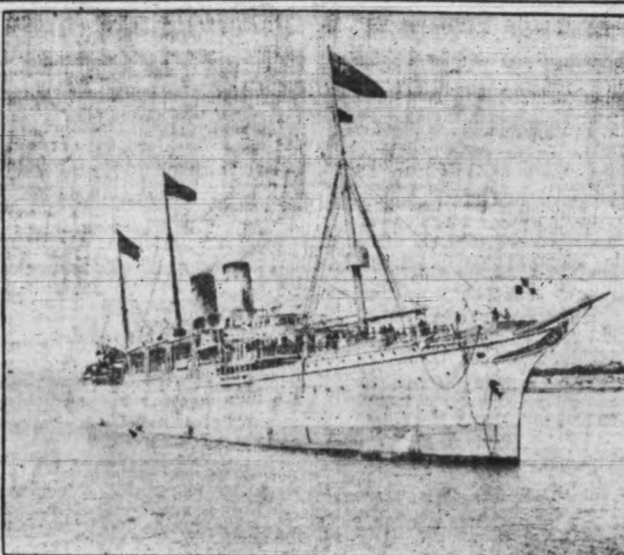
Paris, Dec. 17.—A dispatch to the Havas Agency from Nish dated December 15, but delayed in transmission, says: "On the northwestern front our troops on December 14 continued a vigorous pursuit of the enemy. They had cleared all the territory between the Drina and Save rivers and occupied Shabatz and Lomniza in the Mladanovitz-Belgrade region."

"Our troops repeatedly assaulted the enemy's positions at Kraljica, Bara and Kosdonia, driving the Austrians out of their trenches by the use of bombs. The enemy suffered heavy losses on this front. At Kosdonia we captured a battalion and a half."

"On the Austrian right our troops broke the enemy's resistance at Petrov-stob. The trenches are filled with bodies of the enemy."

"On the other fronts there is nothing to report. During the day of December 14, on all fronts we captured seventeen officers and 2,450 men, not including the battalion and a half taken at Kosdonia. In addition we took five field pieces, four mortars, six quick-firers, horses and field bakeries."

BOUGHT FOR HOSPITAL SHIP



London, Dec. 16.—The C. P. R. liner Empress of India has been sold to the Gaekwar of Baroda for use as a hospital ship for Indian troops.

ONE HUNDRED AND TEN CASUALTIES REPORTED

Wave of Anger Spreads Over England Because of Bombardment of Coast Towns

London, Dec. 16.—The Evening Standard's Hartlepool correspondent says of the German raid on the English coast: "Two German warships are believed to have been sunk. The captain of a ketch lying off Saltburn says he saw three German ships engaged. One of these was 'blown up, another bolted and the third was still fighting.'"

The War Office fixes the number of dead at Hartlepool at seven soldiers and twenty-two civilians, and the wounded at fourteen soldiers and fifty civilians.

At Scarborough, where a battle cruiser and an armored cruiser shelled the town, thirteen casualties are reported; while at Whitby two were killed and two wounded.

Men, women and children of the civilian population were left dead or wounded—struck without warning while at breakfast or at work. In all, the casualty list totals 110, according to the official estimates, of whom thirty-one are known to be dead.

A wave of intense anger has spread over England because of the attack, and bitter denunciation is heard everywhere of a policy which permits the shelling of undefended towns.

The fortress at the mouth of the Tees is supposed to give some protection to the important shipping base of Hartlepool, but Whitby and Scarborough are as open to the enemy as Atlantic City, on the New Jersey coast. In a direct line the mouth of the Tees is about 50 miles from Heligoland, the German naval base in the North Sea. The British admiral says the German ships were among their fastest. They chose a night when a thick mist prevailed to reach the English coast, and must have left their base at least two hours before dark. As they started to return about nine o'clock, there still remained about seven hours of daylight for the pursuit, which, however, was rendered almost impossible by the fog.

How the Germans evaded all the mines and patrols remains somewhat of a mystery, although experts recall that in manoeuvres British ships performed the same feat in the comparatively small space between England and the Scilly Islands, which, however, was not mined.

The admiralty report announces that such demonstrations are not difficult to accomplish, but the population generally cherishes great confidence in the protection of the British navy that the inhabitants of the coast towns made no serious preparations to meet a bombardment.

The admiralty's report, issued at 9.30 o'clock tonight, fixing the news that the German ships had eluded pursuit and were returning safely to their home waters, caused keen disappointment.

Naval writers express the opinion that six or eight ships were engaged. The Germans have available for such an attack the armored cruisers Blücher, Roon, Prinz Adalbert, Prinz Heinrich and Prinz Friedrich Karl, and more than twenty cruisers of smaller classes.

Scarborough, Dec. 16.—The casualties in Scarborough as a result of the attack by German warships include among the killed, John Hall, an alderman; Alfred Beale, postman; Mrs. Bennett and two children; Mrs. Merryweather and Miss Frow; two unidentified women; a housemaid; a young woman named MacIntyre; and a baby belonging to a family of the working class.

CADETS WILL SHOOT BUT NO MEETING AT BISLEY

London, Dec. 17.—A month ago it was decided that under no conditions could the Bisley rifle meeting be held next year, but arrangements have been made to hold the imperial challenge shield competition as usual for cadets. The match will take place on ranges throughout the empire between April and June.

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PREPARING WARSAW TO RESIST NEW ATTACKS

Five Army Corps Arriving to Meet German Concentration on Vistula

Warsaw, Dec. 16.—Further extensive preparations have been made to protect Warsaw against possible German attacks, reinforcements amounting to five army corps, or about 200,000 men, are arriving here from interior points. Many of these are first line troops, with full contingent of artillery.

While the consensus of opinion in Warsaw is that the second German attempt to reach the city has resulted in failure, it is a fact that the Germans have begun a rapid concentration of their forces at the extreme left of their Lodz front, practically on the banks of the Vistula. They are said to have thrown a bridge across the river to the southeast of Plock and it appears that they are preparing to cross the Vistula to the rear of the Russian line running between Plock and a point south of Mlawa or move up the left bank between flow and the river.

This new German concentration in such force, it is believed by competent Russian observers here, constitutes an effort to drive a wedge back to Sochaczew, thirty miles west of Warsaw, with the idea of cutting railroad communication between Lodz and Warsaw. This movement has been met by a strongly reinforced Russian column, which during the last several days has been slowly forcing the Germans back in the vicinity of Sochaczew. Here the fighting has been severe, each side making repeated attacks and counter attacks. Little apprehension of the outcome of the fighting in the immediate vicinity is evident in Warsaw, where the business houses are open and the streets thronged as usual. The frequent flight of German aeroplanes on bomb-dropping expeditions continues, but the people of Warsaw apparently are becoming accustomed to such visitations which, with one or two exceptions, have resulted in little damage or loss of life. A total of twenty-six bombs have been dropped on the city of Warsaw.

The most serious results followed the falling of such a missile in a crowded tenement district, where eight persons are reported to have been killed and several wounded.

In the north of Poland the Germans appear to have directed their aerial efforts to the destruction of railroad terminals, where a number of their bombs have fallen.

AUSTRIA BADLY BEATEN TWO ARMY CORPS LOST

Rome, Dec. 16.—Particulars received here from Nish regarding the fighting in Serbia emphasize what is termed the enormous defeat inflicted by the Serbians on the Austrian army. More than two entire army corps are said to have been lost in dead, wounded and prisoners. The soldiers captured include 5,000 Austrian soldiers of Italian nationality, whom Serbia is reported to be ready to send to Italy if the latter wishes. Almost all these prisoners belong to infantry regiments recruited from the district of Pola.

Descriptions of the hardships suffered by the Austrians now in the hands of the Serbians are heartrending. When taken prisoners most of them, it is said, had been without food for from forty-eight to seventy-two hours.

MESSUDIEH HAD CREW AND GUNS OF GERMAN

London, Dec. 17.—According to the Petrograd correspondent of the Post, the Turkish battleship Messudieh, which was recently sunk in the Dardanelles by a British submarine, had been recently newly armed with an entire set of the latest big guns, especially sent from Germany, and the crew as well as the officers were all Germans.

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Old Lady of Threadneedle Street Entirely Rejuvenated Over £350,000,000 Loan

(Correspondence.)

London, Dec. 15.—Never in the whole of its long life of 220 years has the Bank of England had to deal with a loan of £350,000,000. Under the impetus which has been required to cope with the enormous mass of applications being received for the loan the old lady of Threadneedle street seems to have been entirely rejuvenated.

At all times the institution has elicited the admiration of the city in the way it has handled the various government issues, and its large, well-trained staff and commodious offices place the bank in a more than usually advantageous position to handle a business of this magnitude. For the first time in the history of the city booths or stalls were set up outside the entrances to the bank, where copies of the government's prospectus could be obtained.

Even the aristocratic-looking sentry with his coat of red and gold, who adorns the approach to the Threadneedle street entrance, was momentarily deprived of his box, which was packed full of prospectuses. A loan of this description, like the war for which it is being raised, is altogether unique.

The issue department of the Bank of England has for some time been undergoing structural alterations, and the section which has been given over to the war loan applicants is that portion which has been doing duty as an improvised buffet for the Belgian refugees who have been daily visiting the bank in their scores and hundreds to change their Belgian bank notes for English currency.

The fact of the long delayed stock exchange settlement taking place on the first day of the appearance of the prospectus probably had the effect of diminishing the applicants on the first day, but however this may have been the rush on subsequent days has been entirely up to expectations. In spite of the fact that the stock exchange was closed, and no official prices could be quoted, the Consul market on the first day of the issue called the loan par to a quarter premium. However, in view of the fact that it was not then known whether the loan was fully subscribed or not, the quotation going to a premium at such an early stage in its career should be regarded as purely nominal.

The city takes the handling of the loan almost as a matter of course in an all-in-a-day's-work attitude and seems to forget that every hour history is being made and that acts and deeds are formulated springing from the needs of the hour and for which no precedents are to be found.

NOVEMBER TRADE WAS BETTER THAN IN 1913

Customs Receipts Fall Off; Export of Manufactured Articles Increased.

Ottawa, Dec. 15.—The monthly trade report issued by the Minister of Customs shows the total trade for the month of November to have been \$128,455,299, an increase of \$15,000,000 over the same month of last year. The total trade for the eight months of the fiscal year was \$795,555,555, a decrease of \$11,000,000.

Included in the trade figures are the imports of coin and bullion to the extent of \$48,329,727. The total imports, including the coin and bullion, were \$79,880,917. The customs revenue for the month was \$5,013,062, as against \$3,346,775 for the same month of last year. The customs receipts for the first eight months of the year were \$50,628,918, as against \$47,106,761.

The exports for the month of November in manufactures were \$6,376,500, as against \$4,841,923 last year.

The exports of manufactured articles for the eight months totalled \$45,125,224, as against \$35,879,588 last year.

There is an increase in export of animals and their products amounting to nearly \$700,000. For the eight months there is an increase of \$12,900,000. The chief decrease in exports is in agriculture products, which dropped for the month of November, as compared with last year \$15,000,000. The decrease is due to the fact that in November a year ago there was a phenomenal export of wheat, much of it going to Germany.

Last year for the eight months the balance of trade against Canada was roughly—\$137,000,000, and this year for the eight months the balance against the Dominion is only \$49,000,000.

LEIPZIG'S LAST CAPTURE STEAMER BANKFIELDS

San Francisco, Dec. 15.—The farewell exploit of the German cruiser Leipzig, now at the bottom of the Atlantic, was told to-day by E. L. Ratties, third officer of the British freighter Bankfields, the last prize the Leipzig is known to have captured. Mr. Ratties arrived to-day from Callao on the British steamer Mexico City.

While off the coast of Ecuador in September, Captain Lingen of the Bankfields sighted smoke on the horizon and put on full steam. The Leipzig had sighted him, however, and came racing after her at a speed that soon overtook her. The captain refused to stop at the signal, but a shell through his funnel brought obedience. Three launches filled with armed marines put off from the cruiser and carried back the Bankfields' crew. They were permitted to take with them their clothing but no money or jewelry.

Five shells did the business of the Bankfields with celerity and her crew watched her go down by the stern. They were transferred later to the German merchantman Marie and landed at Callao.

WOMAN'S BEST MEDICINE

Mrs. Kelly Advises All Women to Take "Fruit-a-tives"

"Hagersville, Ont., Aug. 26, 1913.

"I can highly recommend 'Fruit-a-tives' because they did me an awful lot of good and I cannot speak too highly about them. About four years ago, I commenced taking 'Fruit-a-tives' for a general break-down and they did me a world of good. We bought a good many dollars' worth, but it was money well spent because they did all that you claim for them. Their action is so pleasant, compared with other laxatives, that I found only pleasure, as well as health, in taking them. They seemed to me to be particularly suited to women, on account of their mild and gentle action, and I trust that some other women may start taking 'Fruit-a-tives' after reading my letter, and if they do, I am satisfied the results will be the same as in my own case.

"MRS. W. N. KELLY.
'Fruit-a-tives' are sold by all dealers at 50c a box, 6 for \$2.50, trial size, 25c, or sent postpaid on receipt of price by Fruit-a-tives, Limited, Ottawa.

CZENSTOCHOWA FRONT NOT IMPORTANT ONE

Decisive Battle Will Come on Field Now Known as South of Cracow

Petrograd, Dec. 16.—(By Petrograd Gleaner).—There appears to be some apprehension about the Czenstochowa-Cracow front. It covers about seventy miles, and is thoroughly well served with strategic eyes in various directions. At the opening of the war the first thing the Germans did was to seize Czenstochowa, turn it into a German township and erect fortifications. The work with the aid of pressed labor of local peasants, has been in progress ever since. The fortifications run along the line some miles east of Czenstochowa and Cracow and take every advantage of the naturally advantaged country. Lines of hills, isolated heights and broken country generally provide an ideal foundation for defensive works in many parallel lines and tiers. Nothing has been omitted which science could suggest to perfect the new German stronghold.

Presumably after four months' work everything is ready now, and the Germans have secured for themselves a useful place of arms on Russian territory.

Such a stronghold can easily be held with third rate troops if attacked, but the Russian commander-in-chief, in leaving the Germans quite unmolested to complete their arrangements, knew perfectly well what he was going to do with it. There is not at present any intention of attacking this German stronghold. Germany has reached the stage where she cannot afford to look up first line troops in this place of arms in order to make an attack thence at a favorable opportunity, as they are too badly needed elsewhere, and inferior troops will not effect anything against the Russian armies in the south of Cracow. It is here that both sides have settled that a decisive battle must take place. Grand Duke Nicholas, indeed, has aimed for this since the war began. The Germans hoped to compel his withdrawal from the main object of his strategic scheme by invading Poland a first time, then a second time, and now, finally, by throwing enormous reinforcements into action in Poland.

The Russians bore all these attacks, and inflicted serious defeats on the German armies, without losing their grip on the main strategic scheme. At last Germany sent large forces down south, and they are now, in the picturesque language of the official bulletin, "spotted about the Austrian forces."

An announcement which from all we hear, is the reverse of likely to improve the fighting value of either Germany, of course, is in command. Within the next week the great battle which is now heralded by the manoeuvring of large forces on both sides will be the decisive period of the campaign and clear the way for the invasion of Germany along the line which the Grand Duke's strategy has schemed for during the long months. What has happened in those months is the guarantee for what will happen now, and there are many little signs that the German war lords already have read their fate correctly.

KHEDIVE VISITS VIENNA TO ATTEND CONFERENCE

London, Dec. 16.—A dispatch to the Central News from Constantinople via Amsterdam states that Khedive Abbas Hilmi of Egypt has gone to Vienna for a conference with the Austrian authorities.

Abbas Hilmi has been in Constantinople for some time and according to reports was preparing to lead a Turkish army into Egypt to wrest control of his country from the British. His pro-Ottoman leanings, it has been stated, caused his exile from his own country. Recently there have been reports from British sources that he would be deposed as Khedive and that Prince Hesi Eln Pasha would reign in his stead.

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TURKISH TROOPS UNDER BOMBARDMENT FROM SEA

Athens, Dec. 17.—A British squadron has bombarded Turkish troops who had concentrated Sunday on the coast of the Gulf of Saros, the arm of the Aegean Sea, north of the Dardanelles. This information was received here today in a dispatch from Mytilene. Details are lacking.

London, Dec. 17.—A dispatch from Constantinople via Amsterdam to Reuters gives the following official Turkish statement: "Several days of battle near the vilayet of Van have ended in our favor and our troops have entered Sarai."

"A British cruiser unsuccessfully bombarded a Turkish watch tower between Jappa and Gaza, in Palestine, on the Mediterranean."

"The Russian cruiser Askold sank two small ships off Beirut, Syria. The loss of the old battleship Messidor, after a final examination, must be attributed to a floating mine or torpedo."

STEAMER FLORIDE REPORTS.

New York, Dec. 17.—The French line steamer Floride, more than a week overdue here from Havre, concerning the safety of which there has been much apprehension, reported by wireless 100 miles east of Sandy Hook at

7.15 o'clock this morning. The Floride has aboard thirty-nine passengers.

WAR AFFECTS BUSINESS OF TYPESETTING COMPANY

New York, Dec. 17.—A receiver for the International Typesetting Machine company was appointed by the United States district court here yesterday. In an equity suit brought by the International Banking corporation and the Central Trust & Savings company.

The International Typesetting Machine company, manufacturers and sellers of typesetting machine, has an authorized capital of \$3,000,000. Herman Ridder, president of the company, said last night that it was not insolvent, but a temporary receivership for protection had been rendered advisable by conditions resulting from the European war.

BRITISH FLEET REACHES MONTEVIDEO SUNDAY

Montevideo, Uruguay, Dec. 16.—It is announced that the British fleet, which recently defeated the German cruisers Scharnhorst, Gneisenau, Leipzig and Nuenberg, off the Falkland Islands, will arrive here next Sunday. The German survivors of the battle will not be landed.

Phoenix Stout, dozen pints, 75c.

TWO MILLIONS DAMAGE BY FIRE AT POTTSVILLE

Pottsville, Pa., Dec. 17.—Fire in the business section of Pottsville early today destroyed property valued at nearly two million dollars. An entire block of business buildings stocked with holiday goods was destroyed. Twenty stores, the Pennsylvania National Bank and the Academy of Music, one of Pottsville's leading playhouses were among the buildings destroyed. The post office caught fire, but was not badly damaged.

ARGENTINE CRUISER CAPTURES STEAMER

London, Dec. 17.—A dispatch received here from Buenos Ayres says that the Argentine cruiser Peyronnet, after a hot chase, has seized the German steamer Patagonia in the Gulf of San Jorge.

GOVERNMENT REDUCES MARINE INSURANCE

London, Dec. 17.—The government today announced further reductions on the premiums on marine insurance under the war risks insurance scheme. The rate on a single voyage is reduced from 20 to 15 shillings, and on a round voyage of three months the policy is reduced from 40 to 30 shillings.



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THE WAR.

Aside from fuller details of the bombardment of the Yorkshire coast, the casualties from which continue to grow, the most interesting news received overnight was the report that Austria admitted a loss of one hundred thousand men in her recent disastrous invasion of Serbia. This is two-thirds the strength of the invading army, so the Austrian debacle relatively was one of the worst in the defeat-strewn record of the Dual Monarchy. Its effect upon the Hungarian populace must be maddening, especially in view of the fact that the dispositions of the Teutonic forces are directed from Berlin.

Already the effect of the Serbian victory has become apparent. Petrograd reports that the Austrian advance through the Carpathians has been stopped. Evidently some of these troops have been sent south to protect the frontier against an invasion by Serbia and Montenegro. Russia still retains an important position on the Hungarian slope of the Carpathians from which she can threaten the rear of the Austrian troops which are moving through neighboring passes into Galicia.

The battle in northern Poland continues stubbornly, especially on the left bank of the Vistula, where the Germans are attempting a flanking movement north of Lodz. The Russians admit a slight retreatment "owing to the unfavorable nature of the country," but there need be no fear that the German operations at this point will be any more successful than the ill-fated effort from East Prussia through Mlaw. Fresh Russian armies which have been massing behind Warsaw are now coming into action, and against these the Germans will be simply wasting their strength. Plainly all through Poland Russia is attempting no offensive movement. Nothing is reported of the operations south of Cracow, although the Austrian offensive in the Carpathians is said to be checked.

In the west the allies have made some progress southeast of Ypres and at Vermelles, the important point captured by them east of Bethune. In northern France, two weeks ago. Otherwise there were no infantry exchanges of any consequence. The respite will be brief, however, and we look for more gains in a day or two. These preliminary advances will bring the two armies to a decisive point before long, when engagements of important consequences will be fought. There probably will be in front of Ypres, north of Arras, and in the Woëvre district, south east of St. Mihiel.

BRITAIN A VASSAL OF GERMANY.

Non Bernhard has written another book. It is even more extraordinary in its doctrine than the first publication of that great and gifted writer. This latest work has been translated and published for the enlightenment of the unfortunate and uncultured who had the misfortune to be born outside of world-dominating Germany. It contains many remarkable statements and predictions, all indicating that Germans in general, if they entertain the views of those who profess to speak for them, should be corralled and confined in mad houses, because they constitute a menace to the world at large. Among other things Bernhard states that Britain must be reduced to the state of a vassal of Germany and that France also must be so thoroughly and remorselessly crushed that never again shall she stand in the way of Germany's righteous aspiration to elevate, enlighten and dominate the world. This, he it remembered, was written in the year 1913, and yet this vain boaster, bully, braggart and hussar, preaching culture and practicing the arts of a blood-thirsty savage, says the war was forced upon Germany, that she is con-

ducting a campaign of self-defence. But von Bernhard's new book contains one true thing. It predicted in 1913 that if Germany were attacked by the three powers now waging war to the death against her she would be defeated. You see, Bernhard, like all fools of his tribe, thought Germany would have the privilege of crushing France first and making a vassal of Britain afterwards.

TRADE WITH SOUTH AMERICA.

The agitation of the Victoria and Vancouver boards of trade for the adoption of measures calculated to promote trade between British Columbia and South America is deserving of the fullest support. Matters of trade and commerce lie wholly within the jurisdiction of the federal government, but the activities of the commissioners who report to the department at Ottawa are confined very largely to the exploitation of the products of the east, which enjoy an advantageous position in transportation facilities and other respects.

But while the appointment of commissioners is a function of the federal government there can be no obstacle to the selection of officials to act with them who are more familiar with the avenues in the western province along which trade with the important South American market can be developed. This can be brought about by strong representations through the provincial governments to the federal executive. It would entail a few additions to the civil service list, but this would be easily justified by results. Sir George Foster should remember that south of us are a very enterprising, resourceful people, who appreciate the enormous possibilities of the South American market, which they will control absolutely unless we do more than deliver speeches on our glorious future.

THE RAID AND ITS EFFECT.

The casualties resulting from the raid of the German cruisers against the Yorkshire coast are more serious than they were reported to be in the first instance. While undoubtedly the manoeuvre had no strategic value, it would be idle to deny that it will have a certain moral effect upon the public. It will lessen the people's traditional confidence in the navy's ability to keep their shores and lives unscathed and bring home a realization of the nature of the conflict which is now shaking the world. The admiralty is bound to come in for a great deal of criticism, most of which will be senseless. The critics will overlook the fact that gigantic though the British navy is it cannot perform miracles. It cannot protect the entire British coast and maintain an advantageous position. This could not be done if the navy were three times as large as it is.

When the war began the British grand fleet took up positions in the North Sea with the object of grasping the key to the naval situation. This was to prevent the Germans from delivering the sudden attack at their "selected moment," about which their war publicists and authorities had been writing and preaching for years. That purpose was attained when the German high-seas fleet retired to its base and locked itself in, confining its operations entirely to submarine activities and occasional dashes into the open by cruisers. The British fleet then was disposed at various bases commanding the entrances to the sea and the more important communities on the coast of England and Scotland. Patrols were kept up by old armored cruisers, light cruisers, submarines and destroyers. It was not a very difficult feat to elude these under cover of fog. This is the second announced German visit to the coast of England. There will be others, but, as we pointed out yesterday and as the admiralty emphasized last night, they will not attain the very transparent object of breaking up the strategic dispositions of the British fleet.

This incident and others like it will react upon the Germans with terrible effect when the day of reckoning comes. Only those familiar with Britain's history and the character of the race can appreciate the severity of the wrath of an outraged British public. It will exact from Germany the last full measure of expiation for the lives of the helpless civilians suddenly blotted out. Peace upon any other terms would be disastrous to the government which accepted it. France, whose anger, quickly aroused quickly subsides, may be disposed to make concessions. Russia, confronted with domestic difficulties, may not insist upon her full programme of compensation, but Great Britain never will let go until Germany pays to the utmost limit principal and interest compounded.

That the Germans would fire upon unfortified towns was to be expected. This is the German doctrine which lays great stress upon the political aspect of warfare. The violation of Luxembourg, the strangling of Belgium, the dropping of bombs on the orphanages and hospitals of Antwerp, the destruction of Rheims cathedral, the monasteries of Louvain, Aerschot and Yverdon, are the logical products of the German military ideal. Treaties and rules, humanity and ethics, play no part in the programme of a nation

whose war cry is "world power or downfall." To realize that frenzied dream Germany would destroy a million innocents while they slept. The allies will not resort to the barbarities practiced by the cultured Germans in waging this war, but neither should they allow any quixotic sentiments to lighten the force of their blow when it falls. The policeman often has to flog a crook with a smash on the head before he can take him into custody. General Sherman found it necessary to ravage the south with fire and sword in order to reduce it to terms and bring the war to a speedy end. When the allies make war on German territory they should spare the helpless but strike remorselessly in every direction as long as there remains a German with a sword in his hand. This, we believe, is the will of Canada and every other dominion or colony of the Empire.

BOURASSA AND THE FLAG.

Henri Bourassa, the Nationalist leader, received a richly-deserved snub in Ottawa last night. His purpose in visiting the capital was to explain exactly why, in his opinion, Canada was not bound to participate in the present war. He has elaborated the theme, very fully in his best chauvinistic style in Le Devoir and has not forgotten to hurl some nasty slurs at the Canadian soldiers or to impugn the good faith of Sir Edward Grey and the British government.

The meeting last night came to a dramatic end when somebody jumped upon the platform and held a Union Jack out to Bourassa to wave. There was a touch of genius in this little manoeuvre. A few years ago Bourassa and his Nationalist coadjutors went into the district of Drummond and Arthurs and defeated the Liberal candidate by incendiary appeals against the Laurier naval policy and British connection. The most violent attack upon the flag was made by Dr. Blondin, the present Minister of Inland Revenue, who declared that it had been necessary to shoot holes in it to let through the air of liberty. That doubly inopportune, the Hon. Louis Philippe Pelletier, who recently resigned the Postmaster-Generalship to take a seat on the Quebec bench; the Hon. Wilfrid Nantel, who has just left the portfolio of Inland Revenue to become a railway commissioner, one of the most lucrative posts in the gift of the country, assisted Bourassa and Blondin in their picturesque phrase-making at the expense of British connection. Consequently the crowd at the Russell theatre last night immediately grasped the significance of the flag episode. So did Bourassa, for he made a hurried departure.

A Berlin newspaper says the raid of German cruisers is possibly the herald of great events. Doubtless it is. Nothing could have been conceived of more likely to arouse thoroughly the temper of the British people. They have been taught that the leaders of German Kultur were indulging in no mere figures of speech when they appealed to their "Apaches to carry on the war with ruthless barbarity. The jungle beast which breaks forth with tooth and claw inevitably either is caged or exterminated. There will be a day of reckoning. When that day arrives, the best we can wish the German people is that the sins of the leaders may not be visited too heavily upon their swollen heads.

A report says the authorities are arresting naturalized Germans in Sunderland. It is a pity precautions of this nature were not adopted, no matter whom or what they affected, when the world received its first insight into German methods through the outrage of Belgium. The majority of Germans in Britain, whether naturalized or not, are potential enemies of the nation by virtue of pan-Germanic legislation adopted in Germany not very long ago. It is useless to employ kid-glove methods of dealing with a people whose ideal cannot be obtained except through brutality, lying and spying. Prince or pauper, they should be taken in hand and placed where they can do no harm.

Senator Jaffray, whose death in Toronto was announced in our dispatches yesterday, was for many years one of the foremost figures in the business and political history of Canada. He was identified with many of the country's leading business institutions, and doubtless his sound judgment was of great service in their upbuilding and strengthening. The Senator was ever more of a counsellor than a platform exhorter, but he was a man of great force nevertheless, and there are many men in high places who will miss his timely advice and kindly face. He held a high place in the ranks of the makers of Canada.

Four British merchantmen have been sunk by mines dropped by the raiding German cruisers in their flight yesterday. This will be remembered with other things when the day of settlement comes. If the German Kaiser and the Crown Prince and their brutal entourage happen to be alive at that time they will form the nucleus of another group of distinguished exiles on another St. Helena. And if any cranks

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among our own people interested for this abandoned group of high-placed assassins they should be sent along with them.

The Kaiser's illness is a distinct misfortune and disappointment to the allies. It keeps him away from the battlefield. Another disturbing feature is the fact that it seems to have required the presence of the Crown Prince in Berlin. It is very desirable in the interests of civilization that Wilhelm and his fool heir should continue to direct the strategy of the German army.

Constantinople officially informs the Turkish people that the battleship Mueddesh must have been sunk by "either a mine or a floating torpedo." We did not know that there was any doubt on this point. Certainly the British submarine crew did not sink the vessel with a toothpick.

Do your Christmas shopping now. Do not put it off until December 24. Show some consideration for the clerks who should not have to look forward to the holiday with apprehension.

NOT "MUDDLING THROUGH."

Halifax Chronicle.
Britain is not "muddling through." Britain has never "muddled through." That is a stupid, misleading piece of verbiage for home consumption. Britain WINS THROUGH, because she has the ability and the will, because she has great statesmen and a great people who trust one another, believe in one another and in God. They know their own strength. They know where their own safety lies. They are "awake" with the glory of their latent strength. They make adequate preparations and leave the rest to Providence. Thank God, they are not Germans. They do not impudently undertake to provide in advance for every possible contingency and then announce to History that if he wishes to be on the winning side he must join them.

MUST IMPROVE OUR GOODS.

Ottawa Citizen.
We hear much of the made-in-Canada movement, but without discussing it from a commercial viewpoint, let us ask ourselves why "imported" articles are as a rule in such great demand. They are dearer as a general thing than domestic goods and have, therefore, a handicap to start with, but they sell chiefly, if not altogether, because they are superior to much we create in a similar way. To replace imported merchandise we must at least equal it in quality and workmanship. To equal imported merchandise we must get down to its foundation and build up. The highest patriotism is for to buy goods made in Canada. The highest patriotism is to produce the goods.

DON'T DEPEND ON HEARSE.

Brantford Expositor.
A large deputation of unemployed has been waiting on the Ontario government which government, by the way, has not been particularly active in seeking to relieve the industrial distress created by the war. Some of the banners carried by the processionists bore inscriptions of a very laudable nature, among others the following: "British subjects we were born; British subjects we'll soon be dead." And dead they certainly will be ere long if they are depending on the provincial government to answer their prayers for daily bread.

OUR NATIONAL DISH.

Goderich Signal.
The Farmer's Advocate criticizes the quest of the Ontario fruit growers that the apple be chosen as the national dish of Canada. The Advocate believes that before any selection is made the livestock men, the grain-growers, the vegetable men and other producers should be called into conference. We are afraid the product would be something like hash and hash, while it has its good points, would be rather infra dig as a national dish.

BEST BAD LANGUAGE CURE.

Stratford Beacon.
A Hamilton teacher is reported to have made a boy keep a piece of soap in his mouth for some time as a punishment for using rather vulgar language. Such a method of punishment has been heard of before, but the proper way to cleanse a boy of using impure language is scarcely to be found in such a method. It is the controlling power of the tongue that should be made right and then the language would be clean.

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You Will Feel at home when you get a room at \$2.50 per week at the Blanshard Inn, next Public Library.

Building Permit.—A building permit has been issued to T. G. Stallard for alterations at 1716 Lee Avenue.

Closing Exercises.—Closing exercises will take place to-morrow in several of the city schools, prior to the closing for the Christmas holiday.

Rock Bay Case.—The case of the lumber mills and the city in the matter of Rock Bay is being heard this afternoon in the supreme court by Mr. Justice Morrison.

Saanich Ward Meetings.—To-morrow evening Ward VII, Saanich Ratepayers' association, will meet to select a candidate for councillor, and on Saturday evening there will be a meeting for the same purpose in Ward III, where the sitting councillor is retiring.

Cushion Ruffled.—The beautiful hand-embroidered cushion which has been exhibited for some time in Hibben's window, was ruffled yesterday afternoon, and the lucky number, 173, was held by Mrs. Lady of the Superior Grocery.

Unemployed Meetings.—To make arrangements for the unemployed meeting at the Variety theatre on Sunday evening, the committee met last evening at the Labor hall. It decided to invite some of the social service commission members to attend after church service hours, to address the meeting. Till they arrive the time will be occupied in an explanation of what has been done, and opinions will be invited from the body of the hall.

George Arliss To-night.—Mr. Denham, manager of the Royal Victoria theatre, wishes to call attention to the engagement of George Arliss in "Diarrhoe" to-night, Friday and Saturday. As this will be the last road or theatrical attraction before the New Year, it also being the biggest attraction of its kind on the road this season, he hopes that those wishing to see good acting and a good play will take advantage of Mr. Arliss' visit to this city.

"The Hand of Iron."—Great interest was noticed to-day when the famous military drama produced by Edison's Famous Players and entitled "The Hand of Iron," was depicted on the screen at the Majestic theatre. This wonderful dramatic production has been the talk of picturedom for a number of weeks and it is well worthy of the unusual notice that has been taken of it. Many splendid scenes of a military camp beautifully photographed are the features of this offering, and a fine plot is intermingled which calls forth the admiration of the audience. In "The Hand of Iron" is a two-part picture, the basis of which is the theory that the ideal way of raising children is to isolate them from the world. These splendid offerings together with other films of high class order are to be seen to-day and to-morrow.

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Civilian Miniature Rifle Club Now Has Fine Equipment; Excellent Rifles Secured.

The Civilian Miniature Rifle club has been busy for the past fortnight constructing a new miniature range in the basement of the Jones block on Fort street and it will be opened for practice on Saturday next at 2 p. m. A membership list is now in the hands of Stewart Clarke, in Swinerton & Musgrave's office, Fort street, where full information may be obtained.

Business men, who desire to keep up their rifle practice, will find this new range very convenient, the location being very central and the targets being so arranged that a man in business can complete his practice shoot in twenty minutes. A new lot of rifles of the best grade, made specially for miniature target shooting, has been secured. Competent men will be on hand at each practice to give instructions in shooting.

It is the intention of the club to hold two practice nights each week and also Saturday afternoon events during the winter season, particulars of which will be announced later.

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TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO TO-DAY

Victoria Times, December 17, 1889.

A fire took place at Government House last night. The cause was a defective stovepipe. Lieut.-Governor Nelson was particularly pleased with the work of the firemen.

Mr. Begg returned to-day by the steamer Princess Louise from New Westminster. He has arranged on behalf of the Scottish fishermen of Victoria to furnish a fish dealer in New Westminster who ships largely to the eastern market with a fresh supply of fish from Victoria.

An important meeting of the Stonemasons' and Bricklayers' union was held last night in Philharmonic hall and a deathblow was given to a certain phase of local Chinese cheap labor by a resolution passed. Under it the members of the above union will refuse to work on any building where Chinese are employed. Contractors will be given three months' notice from January 1.

Mr. William Dalby has been appointed general manager of the B. C. Insurance Company in place of Mr. M. H. Cowan, resigned.



GEORGE ARLISS

The noted actor who, with his splendid supporting company, will be seen in Louis N. Parker's comedy, "Diarrhoe," at the Royal Victoria theatre this evening, Friday and Saturday. This will be the last road theatrical attraction the citizens of Victoria will have an opportunity of seeing at the Royal Victoria theatre before the new year.

COLLEGIATE CLOSES

Exercises Held Last Evening at Boys' School; the Prize Winners.

The Collegiate school closing exercises were held last evening, a very large gathering of more than 200 of the parents and friends of the young students attending the event. A. D. Musket, the head master, presided, with him on the platform being the Bishop of Columbia, Archbishop Scriven, and Mr. Croase, K.C., and members of the staff of the school. The examiners' reports for the term, read by the chairman, were highly satisfactory.

Short addresses were given by Venerable Archbishop Scriven, who referred in congratulatory terms to the high standing of the boys; by the head master, who spoke of the increase in the accommodation at the school during the last year and the greater facilities of the school and gymnasium, the institution of a manual training class and choral class, and the Scout corps, under Scoutmaster Johns; and the Bishop of Columbia. In giving the prizes his lordship commented on the fact that the school roll of 72 stood the same as last year, despite the war and the consequent hard times. A vote of thanks was expressed to the last speaker on behalf of the meeting by Lindsay Crease.

The programme included songs by members of the various forms. The following is the prize list:

Form IV.—Form prize, Pauline, presented by Oscar C. Bass; French, Connel II; Divinity, Fraser, presented by the Lord Bishop of Columbia; History, Pauline; Mathematics, Gray Donald; General Merit, Pelly.

Form III.—Form prize, Holton II, presented by Mr. Verrinder; French, Holton I, presented by F. A. Pauline; Divinity, Ellis I; Mathematics, Wheatley.

Form II.—First prize, Shaw, presented by J. S. Bowker; second prize, Greaves; third prize, Doull.
Form I.—First prize, Connel III; second prize, Peterson; third prize, Pemberton; Drawing prize, Crawford, presented by Mr. Preston; Painting, prize, Hodgins II, presented by Mr. Preston.

RECEIVER APPOINTED.

Premises of the Delhi Hotel Taken Over by Official on Behalf of the Mortgagees.

The matter of the appointment of a receiver for the Columbia Catering Company, Limited, proprietors of the Delhi hotel and cafe was again mentioned in chambers before Mr. Justice Morrison this morning by E. C. Mayers, acting for the Vancouver Brewing company.

This company holds a mortgage on the furnishings and contents of the hotel to the extent of some \$9,000, and desires to have a receiver appointed so that he may obtain a temporary transfer of the bar license. The B. C. Land and Investment agency are the landlords, and it was stated yesterday by Mr. Mayers that through its counsel, A. P. Laxton, K. C., consent had been expressed to the company's application.

This morning Mr. Mayers informed the court that F. A. McDiarmid had withdrawn the opposition made yesterday on behalf of the proprietor of the hotel, A. W. Ottington.

An order was made for the appointment of a receiver, without prejudice to the landlords, and the amount of security to be given was fixed at \$10,000.

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The merchants who are using the advertising columns of the Times are bending their energies toward the display of new wares for their Christmas trade.

A careful study of our advertising columns and a visit to the shops will convince the hurried and worried that "something different" and "something new" is to be found.

CLUB ELECTS OFFICERS

Annual Meeting of Victoria Women's Club Held; All Reports Satisfactory.

The annual meeting of the Victoria club took place on Tuesday evening. Owing to the sickness of the president, Mrs. W. J. Roper, Mrs. Golby presided, and read the annual presidential address. The annual report of the honorary secretary and treasurer were also read and adopted after being discussed. Both reports showed that in spite of the hard times, the club was holding its own very well.

The most important by-law amended was that intimating a distinction between the self-supporting and the self-sustaining members, this being dropped in order that all members might be placed on the same basis. The business of the evening was the election of officers for the ensuing year, which resulted as follows: President, Mrs. Roper (re-elected); first vice-president, Mrs. Golby; second vice-president, Miss Oldfield; honorary secretary, Mrs. Baer; executive, Mesdames Wm. Grant, Collinson, Pigott, Pettick, Ricardo, Oiler, Bishop and Kennedy.

A hearty welcome was extended to the new club secretary, Miss Rowan, who has recently assumed the management of the club, having arrived last week from Vancouver to succeed the retiring secretary, Miss Cotsworth.

LIBERALS TO MEET

Series of Educational Gatherings Arranged; Extraordinary General Meeting To-morrow.

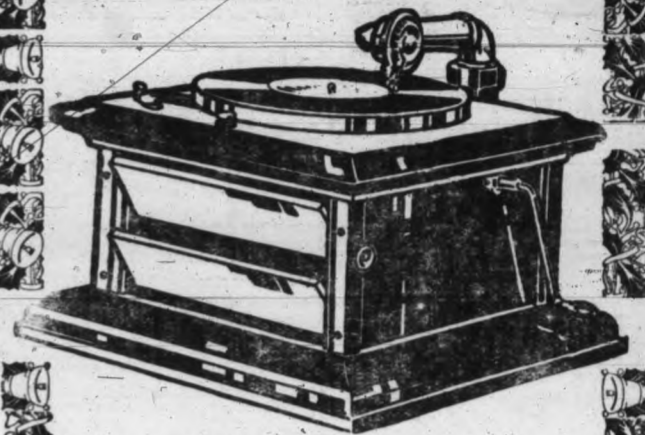
The executive of the Victoria Liberal association has arranged for a series of educational meetings during the winter months. An extraordinary general meeting of the association will be held in the K. of P. hall, North Park street, on Friday, December 18, at 8 p. m. A programme of the series of meetings prepared by a special committee, will be submitted for approval. Arrangements will also be made for the election of officers at the annual meeting to be held early in January.

The special committee has outlined a plan for holding a mock parliament during the winter months, which should be of interest to the younger element. All members of the association and others in sympathy with the work of the Liberal party are urged to attend the meeting to-morrow evening.

BIS DEAL CONSUMMATED.

Montreal Salvage Brokers Take Over Stocks Public to Reap the Benefit.

The Hub Clothing store, one of Victoria's leading men's outfitters, located for many years on Johnson street, catering to the men with popular line of merchandise, were placed some time ago in financial difficulties with trustees in charge, in order the creditors may realize part of the money due them the stock was ordered sold, which came as a surprise and shock to their numerous friends and former patrons. The stock was taken over at about 50 cents on the dollar by the Montreal Salvage Brokers, a well known firm making a business of buying bankrupt and salvage stocks. The stock has been removed to the large building at 578 Yates to be closed out with several other stocks before it is removed to headquarters. The men of this community will shortly have an opportunity to economize on their wearing apparel, as the manager stated when interviewed, there would be a regular feast of bargains to be had as the stock was bought at practically 50 cents on the dollar of the wholesale cost, which means goods can be sold for less than the ordinary merchant buys his goods for and still leave this concern a fair margin of profit. All intending purchasers will do well to visit the store at 578 Yates. It is closed while a large staff of help is re-marking the stock for quick selling.

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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

All personal items sent by mail for publication must be signed with the name and address of the sender.

G. K. Marshall is staying at the Empress hotel from Vancouver.

E. Auld is among the guests at the Empress hotel from Edmonton.

P. W. Garrett, of Pender Island, is registered at the Dominion hotel.

Ellis McLean is among the guests at the Empress hotel from Portland.

H. S. Jordan, of Vancouver, is among the guests at the Dominion hotel.

Bruce Kaitz, of Seattle, is among the new arrivals at the Empress hotel.

R. R. Hedley is among the Vancouver guests at the Strathcona hotel.

Gen. Joyce, of Vancouver, is in the capital, a guest at the Dominion hotel.

A. E. Sweating is among the guests at the Empress hotel from Vancouver.

R. P. Langford is here from Vancouver and is at the King Edward hotel.

L. C. C. Lamson, of Tacoma, is a recent arrival at the King Edward hotel.

L. C. J. Doers is here from Nitinat Lake, and is a guest at the Strathcona hotel.

F. S. Camp is staying at the Dominion hotel while here from Vancouver.

Yesterday's arrivals at the Empress hotel from Vancouver included J. F. Forster.

Miss Heaton, of Saanichton, is staying at the King Edward hotel while in the city.

A. L. Roberts is among the most recent arrivals at the Empress hotel from Vancouver.

J. Hayden Young is staying at the Empress hotel. He is registered from Vancouver.

Mrs. F. Mitchell is staying at the Strathcona hotel while in the city from Millstream.

W. N. McLean has arrived from Vancouver and is registered at the Empress hotel.

C. L. Smith, of Vancouver, is among the mainland guests at the King Edward hotel.

L. Carson is visiting the capital from Vancouver and is registered at the Dominion hotel.

W. Heaton is in the city from Saanichton, and is registered at the King Edward hotel.

L. Bricker has arrived in the city from Winnipeg and is stopping at the Empress hotel.

Walter E. Bliss has arrived in the city from Portland and is registered at the Empress hotel.

A. G. Tierney, of Vancouver, is among the newly-arrived guests at the King Edward hotel.

Mrs. A. Koenig and Mrs. Bloomquist, of Shawnigan Lake, are staying at the Dominion hotel.

H. B. McIntyre is staying at the King Edward hotel, having come across from Vancouver.

Mr. and Mrs. Alexander B. Barrett, of Los Angeles, are staying for a few days at the Empress hotel.

H. W. A. Page, of Brynmor, Vancouver Island, is among those registered at the Strathcona hotel.

Amongst the arrivals from the west coast yesterday at the Dominion hotel were: Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Rhodes,

Tofino; Mr. A. Knowles, of Banfield, and Chris, Olsen, of Ucluelet.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Davis and J. Thompson, of Port Angeles, are registered at the Dominion hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Chantrell, of Vancouver, are visiting the city and are guests at the King Edward hotel.

H. C. Nodde, of Edmonton, and A. McEachern, of Gould City, Mich., are registered at the Dominion hotel.

Edward Townsend is a visitor in the capital from New York city. He is registered at the Strathcona hotel.

After an absence of four years, Mr. Fay Jackson, accompanied by his brother Ernest, is home to spend the holidays with his mother, Mrs. Joseph John.

H. Cunningham and family, of Sydney, Australia, arrived here yesterday after an absence of five years in the Antipodes. They are returning, to settle again on Salt Spring Island.

ACTION OF SINGLE SPOONFUL SURPRISES MANY

Victoria people who bought the simple mixture of buckthorn bark, glycerine, etc., known as Adler-I-ka, are surprised at the INSTANT effect of a SINGLE SPOONFUL. This remedy is so complete a bowel cleanser that it is used successfully in appendicitis.

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A Perfect Alibi.—Prosecutor (to suspect): "You say that on the day the crime was committed you were over in Midshire, at the Nutley railway station. What were you doing there from half-past ten in the morning until six o'clock in the evening?" Suspect—"I was waiting for the 12.1 train on the West Northern."

AT THE THEATRES

"THAT GIRL FROM TEXAS."

A fine breezy comedy drama entitled "That Girl From Texas," is the attraction at the Princess theatre next week. This play belongs distinctly to the "Peg o' My Heart" class, being a series of adventures of a girl who goes from Texas to Ireland and eventually back to Texas. The scene of the celebration of the Fourth of July in Ireland is very funny. There are some beautiful, pathetic touches intermingled with the humorous story.

Miss Verna Felton will appear as the girl from Texas, while Miss Saindon will have the best role she has yet been seen in. There are some fine character studies of Texas, ranchmen, cowboys, etc. The story carries one from the realms of cow-punching, broncho-riding, cowboy yells, and clinking spurs, to the atmosphere of an aristocratic Irish drawingroom. It is a play that appeals to Britons and Americans alike, for in a skilful manner the author has brought out the fine qualities of both peoples. The advance sale is now on.

GEORGE ARLISS TO-NIGHT.

George Arliss, supported by his English company, will offer his brilliant interpretation of Louis N. Parker's great comedy, "Disraeli," at the Royal Victoria theatre this evening, Friday and Saturday.

Disraeli, the statesman, the author, the wit, is one of the most picturesque characters of modern British history—at the zenith of his powers, in the '70s, an age full of color—a little ahead of his time and his associates. Being an advanced thinker and playing always for dramatic effects, this statesman has given the dramatist and his interpreter material that is of great value to the stage.

The great dramatic event of the latter period of Disraeli's career was his acquisition for Britain of the Suez canal. In this, as in so many of his acts, his marvelous prescience in foreign affairs was vindicated. When the time for action came, parliament was not in session; the Bank of England refused to aid him in his design to act on his own initiative, contrary to the sacred provisions of the constitution. A day's delay would mean that Russia would forestall him. Disraeli turned to his own people—"went to Moses," Parker says. Rothschild advanced him five million sterling, and Disraeli made his sovereign Empress of India.

The production Mr. Arliss brings is elaborate scenically and the costumes of the period in the early seventies, lend the play attractive pictorial qualities.

A story is told of a lady who had an undie appreciation of her own importance as the wife of a prominent local banker. She was in the habit of riding to her husband's office in the tramcar. Entering the car with a haughty air, she was accustomed to say, in a voice loud enough to be heard by all present: "Conductor, put me down at my husband's bank." One day she came in and seated herself, making the usual demand. Close by her was a man, disreputable-looking in the extreme. His clothes seemed almost devoid of buttons, a multitude of pins doing duty instead. During the momentary hush which followed the lady's order, this passenger rose and, drawing himself up to his full height, indignantly said: "Conductor, put me down at my old woman's apple-stall!" Since then the conductor has heard nothing more of "my husband's bank."

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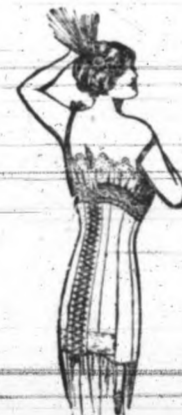
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HOLLY AND MISTLETOE SEASON HAS ARRIVED

But Little of the Latter to Be
Seen Here; Holly Abundant
and Cheap This Year

Christmas Eve is just a week distant. Already the shops are resplendent in their cheery garnishings of crimson and green, the colors since time immemorial associated with the season when Old Chris Kringle cuts capers down the chimney. How long the holly and mistletoe have been accompaniments of the time it is almost impossible to tell. The latter, of course, dates at least back to Pagan times, when the Druids, carried on their mystic rites and ceremonies in the shade of the dim old oak forests which were the favored haunts of the sacred shrub.

Both the holly and the mistletoe survive in the Christmas of the present. Victoria, which does not enjoy the distinction of growing the latter, is probably not going to see much of the mythological evergreen which, in Norse legend, is claimed to have been used as a spear to slay Balder, the white sun-god. For Northern France, which really in the past has been the principal country to export the berry commercially, will not be able to ship in any quantity this year owing to the more important business which she has in hand of driving back her enemy and getting food for her soldiers.

On the other hand Victoria is as independent as any other place on the continent as regards the supply of holly. Noted in the past for the quantity and quality of this shrub, she is more than usually fortunate this year, one of the heaviest crops of berries on record having been secured at an unusually low price, which is likely to be maintained until the close of the season owing to the increased demand. For years it has been of more than mere aesthetic value to the city; those who owned trees found them a decided commercial asset, and private gardens as well as professional florists shipped in large quantities to various parts of Canada and the United States every season.

In the past holly has retained at prices ranging from between 60 and 70 cents per pound. This year the prices are much more within the range of incomes which do not usually aspire to lavish expenditure for the gay and festive decoration, and it is possible that the local demand may be very little less than in seasons gone by, although some Victoria florists state that the outlook in this respect up to the present does not justify the expectation.

Holly has been the subject of some heated arguments between botanists and horticulturists from time to time. According to most authorities, however, it is claimed as a diocious form of shrub, being rather unique in that it changes its sex from year to year, the male becoming female, and vice versa. The male blossoms of the tree have stamens but no pistils; the female blossoms have pistils but no stamens. The latter bear the berries, although the following year there may be the startling transposition to the male form of blossoms with stamens and then there are no berries. Some botanists, however, deny that holly is diocious, although such authorities as Sir W. H. Hooker, director of the Royal Gardens at Kew, and W. Robinson, author of many standard works on gardening, maintain that it has this form.

Most of the local berry-bearing varieties of the trees were brought here from England, and, strangely enough, it seems to have taken even more kindly to its new habitat, than when here in a manner which somewhat betrays the fact that the old land holly is fastidious about its climatic surroundings. It likes moderate temperatures, stands the cold well, but simply cannot put up with anything lower than zero weather. California is too warm. The tree grows there, but the berries never are to be seen peeping through the glistering leaves, as they do here and in England. Of the fifty or so varieties known about, ten or a dozen flourish here, including the native holly, which, however, is of no value either agriculturally or commercially.

"Father," asked a girl, "the piano is really my very own, isn't it?" "Why, yes, my dear," answered her mother, "and when I marry I can take it with me, can't I?" "Certainly, my dear, but don't tell anyone; it might injure your chances!"

THE FUTURE OF VICTORIA.

To the Editor:—With many of the ideas of Mr. Landsberg's letter on the future of Victoria, published in yesterday's issue, we shall all agree. We may differ about the remedy. I should like him to explain what difference it would make to the property owner to have his assessment lowered while his rate of taxation was increased correspondingly. As far as I can see, that would have to be done and it would be the same as robbing Peter to pay Paul.

Talking of Winnipeg, the comparison is not fair, because I have lived in Winnipeg, and no one can say it is as clean a city as Victoria or much more than half as clean, just about in proportion to the cost per head of the population. I admit that Mr. Landsberg represents an important section of this community, but he should remember that it is the property owners that gained the most by the high prices, and in boom times they were glad of high assessments to boom values.

Dec. 15, 1914. A. C.

LET JUSTICE BE DONE.

To the Editor:—I noticed in a late issue of your paper that one of our local judges sent a certain citizen to the penitentiary for a year for misappropriating twenty-five dollars. Certain individuals with head office in Vancouver and known as the Dominion Trust Co., have swindled millions of dollars out of the pockets of the people of Canada and the old country, not sparing the orphan and the widow, people whom they represented themselves to act as benefactors to. Are these men going to be allowed to go scot-free? Are the men the electors of this province put in office to make our laws and see that they are enforced going to allow these men another chance to carry on their nefarious traffic, while they go round the country trying to bluff the people into believing that they will soon have good times, again, while they allow those people to steal the money sent into this province for investment? I would like to ask those sweet-mouthed politicians where they expect to get the money to develop this province if they allow these conditions to continue? There is an old saying, "once bitten, twice shy," and I think people with capital to invest will in future be shy of investing in the "Rocky Mountain" I hope and trust the public will rise and demand a thorough investigation of this late and clever piece of swindling and the guilty parties be given the punishment they deserve.

FAIR PLAY.

HOME PRODUCED ARTICLES.

To the Editor:—I think Mr. A. E. Todd's suggestion with regard to greater publicity is admirable, and I would like to go a little further and ask the public to insist on buying home grown produce. Why should we be asking for new laid eggs, when we can get them from Washington? Why should we be asking for vegetables, when we can get them from the vegetable trade in the hands of those who are not Canadian farmers?

The inauguration of the market is an excellent opportunity for the householder to remedy these defects, and I trust this excellent campaign will include both manufacturers and farmers.

FARMER.

Dec. 15, 1914.

VICTORIA MANUFACTURES.

To the Editor:—With reference to Mr. Todd's letter appearing in the Times of yesterday's date, in which he suggested that a list of Victoria manufacturers should be printed in the papers here, we shall be glad if you will kindly publish the following list of manufacturers. Several lists have been issued, our manufacturers have never appeared in same.

Wiggin's candles have been manufactured in Victoria at our factory, 64 Commercial street, for the past two years and have been sold wholesale and retail. When the factory was first established we received little or no support, which forced us to open a retail store at 1218 Douglas street in order to advertise our line.

Wiggin's candles were first manufactured in England fifty years ago, since when they have been awarded no less than 14 gold and silver medals (that is a medal for every exhibition they were entered for) and an order of Merit, which is a recognition of the leading confectioners of the world, to say nothing of a diploma awarded at the 1913 Victoria exhibition. Our medals were awarded for quality and not for display.

Such a reputation surely entitles us to rank amongst the leading confectioners. How is it, therefore, that a very large percentage of the candles consumed locally are imported? Local manufactured candles are equal, and in many cases infinitely superior, in quality to imported manufactures, and if ordered in the same large quantities as the latter are equally cheap in price.

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Dec. 15.

CANADA.

To the Editor:—Now Canada is in the making, now is the time to remodel its constitution.

We want one parliament instead of a dozen, with members from every province.

We want free trade.

We want a Bank of Canada, where everybody may borrow 50 per cent. of the market value.

We want capable and honest men at the head of affairs.

We want to copy English methods of doing business.

Wm. Dawson, in your issue of Dec. 10, says everywhere in the world except Canada you can live on 10 to 20 cents per day, but that it costs 200 cents per day to live in Canada. What is wrong? J. Y. M.

Dec. 15, 1914.

"INVASION" OF ENGLAND.

To the Editor:—It is almost one year since we read accounts in foreign papers of an intended invasion of England by Germany. Little did we think how soon the fears of Britishers would be almost realized. At that time many able men did not believe in the scare. The Germans said, "We are building a navy because we choose to be able to defend ourselves and our rights whenever the necessity may arise. Our energies are not aimed against any nation or any nation in particular. If Canada builds a fleet we are interested in it, but not in the way. We shall continue building, because it is necessary to our self-respect." Canada has now shown Germany that she is throwing all her abilities behind those of Britain. Now it has come to a war, the Kaiser and the German people will be unable to ignore the fact that in building up their armaments they are competing with resources infinitely greater than their own. We also call to mind a play written by a British soldier, called "An Englishman's Home," that threw Britain into consternation. It pictured a peaceful English household suddenly attacked and wrecked by the soldiers of an invading army. The whole country went into military gear. Schoolboys formed battalions and drilled daily on the green. Even girls went through the manual of arms. A ban was set upon the play, and as time went on it was almost forgotten. Prediction at the present moment is idle. British subjects in every part of the world, in spite of the threat of peril to the motherland, have cast aside all domestic differences and are united in a declaration of imperial solidarity. Nothing has happened to shake the confidence of the British people in the ultimate success of their arms. Our cause is just, and with skillful leaders, brave soldiers and complete trust in God nothing is impossible. I am a sincere admirer of the British will, their allies.

Oak Bay, Dec. 15. CANADIAN.

APPEAL TO BUSINESS MEN.

To the Editor:—Business men, I suppose, have thought over and read much regarding the problem of "unemployment" in our city. There have been various suggestions made regarding the solution of this very important subject. There is, however, one phase of this matter to which I wish to draw attention, and that is the large number of Japanese and Chinese employed in the cleaning, dusting and other janitor-like jobs in the business houses of the city. It strikes me very forcibly that some of these jobs could and would be just as well done by some of our married men out of a job. There must be quite a number, judging by the quiet year we have had, who would be willing to fill these positions if we were given the opportunity.

"I know it has been said that we will not stay with these jobs, but I think it will be found in the majority of cases that it was the single chaps who would not stay."

Business men all know that the real valuation of any community or state depends largely on its married people and offspring; providing other things are equal, and I suggest that they let out some of these jobs and Chinamen and give the married men out of a job a chance to fill these places. I realize that our western neighbors have a right to a place on the sun as well as we, and have no wish to push them off altogether, but at the same time I know that it is better that our wives and children should be considered fairly in this matter.

In a few days we should all have the feeling of goodwill toward our fellows that comes with Christmas, but to put a man on the back and wish him a merry Christmas when he is working alone, longing for a job is, I think, more inclined to give him the feeling of being alone before meeting Marley's ghost than the pleasant feeling of a greeting and a gift. If you wish to have a merry Christmas to a number of women folk and children, who, in the coming years, will be the men and women of the province, just give this matter your consideration and loan out some of these jobs and offer them to the married men. I feel sure they would be taken up.

Dec. 16, 1914. ONE OF THEM.

It was a sweet, sad play, and there was hardly a dry handkerchief in the house. But one man in the first balcony irritated his neighbors excessively, by refusing to take the performance in the proper spirit. Instead of weeping he laughed. While others were mopping their eyes and endeavoring to stifle their sobs his own arm waved with merriment and he burst into inappropriate guffaws. At last the lady by his side turned upon him indignantly. "I don't know what brought you here," she said, "with streaming eyes, and pressing her hand against her aching heart; but if you don't like the p-play you might let other p-people enjoy it!"

A little girl about six years old was visiting friends, and during the course of the conversation one of them remarked, "I hear you have a new little sister."

"Yes," answered the little girl, "just two weeks old. 'Did you want it to be a little girl?' asked the friend. 'No; I wanted it to be a boy,' she replied, 'but it came while I was at school!'"

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Strong Doll Buggies, iron frames, with American leather covers. Just the thing for baby. Special \$1.00

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CANADIAN WINTERS PROMOTE ATHLETIC ACTIVITY.

There is no doubt in my mind that the open-air life which Canadian students lead in winter sends the average graduate out into life better equipped physically than the young man who attends an American institution," said Dr. Graef on this point. "I do not believe in the most intensive forms of athletic training for the average student, but I do think that the youngster who keeps himself in fair trim all through his course obtains the more symmetrical physical development. I know many young American students who, during their course, train quite intensively for football in the fall of the year or for track and field in the spring, but with whom winter is a period of absolute let-down."

"At McGill, Ottawa, Queens, and other Canadian colleges, the winter months, far from being a time for giving up athletics, are the time of greatest activity. And what is most important, it is out-of-door activity. Gymnasiums are all right in their place. Since my time, the Canadian colleges have added quite elaborate gymnasium plants; but work which is done indoors never compares favorably in point of results with exercise taken out of doors—January Outing."

WILL CONSIDER ESTIMATES

City School Board Will Approve Tentative Figures for Inclusion in Budget.

At the meeting of the city school board to be held late this afternoon, the estimates for the year 1915 will be presented for approval so that they may be forwarded immediately to the city council for inclusion in the tentative budget now in preparation. It is not expected there will be a great change from those that were prepared last year, for, apart from salaries, it is said to be a problem to cut more than \$10,000 or \$12,000 from the estimates for furniture, etc. This leaves any economies which may be desired to be brought about on salaries, which of course represent two-thirds of the total expenditure for school purposes. The board has already gone on record in favor of reduction in the number of teachers by amalgamation of divisions, and this principle is to be extended as opportunity offers.

There is a possibility that the post vacated by J. H. Maxwell at the High school may be filled, a temporary appointment having been made meanwhile. One or two other routine matters which must be settled before the close of the school term to-morrow will be disposed of by the trustee.

A Great Blessing to be Freed of Indigestion

For Years He Suffered After Almost Every Meal—Attributes Complete Cure to Use of Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills.

The experience of many people who suffer from indigestion is like that of the writer of this letter. Stomach medicines may bring some relief, but chronic indigestion is almost invariably the result of derangements of the liver, kidneys and bowels, and cannot be actually cured until these organs are set right.

With the liver sluggish, there is constipation, and moreover, the food ferments in the bowels instead of being digested. This is the source of pain and suffering, and the cause of such dreaded diseases as appendicitis, peritonitis

and kidney disease. It is much better to be on the safe side and prevent such ailments by the timely use of Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills.

Mr. J. D. S. Barrett, Nelson, B.C., and formerly of Twillingate, Nfld., writes: "For several years I was a great sufferer from indigestion. The least bit of food caused me considerable trouble, and often I could scarcely eat a meal a day. The many remedies I tried proved futile until I began the use of Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills, and after using about eight boxes I was completely cured."

"Since that time I have not been troubled with indigestion, which I consider a great blessing. I feel grateful for this cure, and shall gladly answer any inquiries from persons suffering as I did."

Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills, 25c a box, \$1 for \$1.00, all druggists.

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Breathes there a man with soul so dead,
Who never to himself hath said:
This is my own, my native land.

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LIQUIDATOR'S SALE

During the past seven weeks we have sold you approximately TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS' worth of Shoes for TWELVE THOUSAND DOLLARS, and we have TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS' WORTH STILL ON OUR SHELVES which we are going to sell for FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS. We are going to close this store Thursday, 31st inst., and go back to Vancouver. Our Vancouver business is also being wound up, and rather than move any part of this stock over there, the Creditors have said to us:

"Get What You Can For It, But Sell It For What You Can Get"

And we're going to have some fun during the few remaining days of our stay in your city. We have very few Children's Shoes to offer you, but our MEN'S AND WOMEN'S LINES are well assorted and seasonable.

Talk About Cutting Prices But ordinary price cutting is farcical compared with what we are preparing to show you. As soon as the store closes to-night we will commence, and will not stop until we have re-marked every pair of Shoes in the store. Those who have contributed to our wonderfully successful sale should not regret their purchases. We gave you more than your money's worth, but we are going to give the other fellow still more.

The Second and Final Edition of This Great Winding-Up Sale Begins To-morrow, Friday Morning Dec. 18 at 10 o'Clock

And will run to a finish. Please come early. It will be to your advantage.

The C. E. McKeen Shoe Stores Company, Limited

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Between Drysdale's and Gordon's

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EXTEND HOURS FOR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING

Amendment of Early Closing by-law is Necessary; Street Cleaning Cost

At the meeting of the city council this morning, called specially to pass an amendment to the early closing amendment by-law, it was decided to allow the relaxation of the 8 o'clock closing rule from Monday to Friday inclusive during Christmas week.

The intention of the council has been to have this rule prevail from December 15 to December 31, but when the council was amending the by-law in October the whole clause containing this proviso was accidentally left out, and in consequence the same rule applies now as throughout the year.

As there will be another meeting of the council on Friday afternoon to pass a consolidation by-law in order to simplify a stock issue, it will be possible then to pass the closing by-law through its other stages. The council will thus be enabled to put it in force next week, when the bulk of the evening shopping will be done.

The Retail Merchants' association has renewed the objection to the extension of closing on ordinary days to 8 p.m., and states that unless the council amends the by-law to return the law to the position it held prior to the enactment of October, members will be forced by the need of self-protection to remain open till 8 p.m. in order to take their share of the trade which has been seized by persons who keep their stores open till 8 o'clock. This was the position taken throughout the negotiations by the association, and noticing that the council contemplated a further change, it took advantage of the occasion to remind the aldermen of its views. No objection is taken in the communication to the extension of the hours for Christmas shopping.

Aldermen Todd said he was much surprised to receive the communication, which asked that the whole question be reopened at this late date. He moved therefore that the communication should be received and filed, and the letter referred to next year's council.

Alderman Porter seconded, but Alderman McCandless considered that the council had not behaved fairly, because the persons signing the repeal petitions affecting the matter had done so on the understanding that a general by-law would be passed, fixing 8 p.m. as the hour from Mondays to Fridays inclusive.

Alderman McNeill believed that the council had taken advantage of the retailers who had signed the original repeal petitions for the four trades

formally regulated by individual by-laws. Alderman Porter would rather see stores open an hour or two longer, than have so many empty stores in town. The motion to file the letter from the Retail Merchants' association was approved.

Referring to Mr. Dean's remarks about the utilization of Elk lake water, City Engineer Rust says that he has no hope of the lake being of service as a supplementary supply for fire protection purposes. The flooding of the city mains with water from that source in case of a fire would require them to be cleaned out before the domestic supply was restored. He regards the future of Elk lake as solely for irrigation purposes through the whole of the Cominutz valley in the summer months, and believes that when the Spanish waterworks is finished there will be a great future before the many small holdings of that portion served by the lake.

Mr. Rust says that the criticism in regard to street cleaning and scavenging in correspondence in the press shows a strange lack of thought, because in Winnipeg, which is held up as a pattern of economy, there is practically no street cleaning from November to March on account of the snow. Therefore any comparison with that city is obviously unjust.

He states that there is not a city of this size in Canada with so many asphalt streets, and therefore the cost of cleaning per inhabitant must necessarily be far greater than in Winnipeg. The council here has laid down the policy that old men are to be engaged as far as possible on street cleaning, so as to avoid their being forced into institutions, and he points out that the labor bill is much higher than in cities of a corresponding size. Very little water is now used on the streets, the dry process being favored here for various reasons. The fact that visitors praise the cleanliness of the streets is in his opinion an answer to criticism of the cost.

GERMANS AND THE BISCUIT TIN

Riflesman Horace Copley, of the 1st Battalion King's Royal Rifle Corps, in the course of a letter to the Rev. Arthur Colman, Ipswich, England, says: "Such a good joke. The Germans have just fired over forty shells at what they think is a line of trenches. There is a biscuit tin flashing in the sun, and they think it is a helicopter. Some joker has fixed the tin, and they fired at it all day yesterday, exploding thousands of pounds worth of big shells. But the tin is still flashing. Ha, ha! The other night a sniper came too close to our lines. Ten men opened fire on him, all hits. He was riddled with bullets. I helped to bury him. He was a big, fine man, 6 ft. tall, and about 40 years old. The Germans have started firing at the biscuit tin again. More rounds wasted. Ha, ha!"

Many of the Arabian peasant population of Palestine have emigrated to North and South America, and the Mohammedan population from the environs of Jerusalem is beginning to emigrate. The lack of suitable employment is the cause of this exodus.

COMMENCEMENT HELD FOR PRIZE WINNERS

Contestants in Bible Study Examination Receive Prizes at St. Andrew's Church

The commencement exercises in connection with the interdenominational examinations recently contested were held last evening at St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, Rev. Thomas Green presiding as chairman, and a large congregation witnessing the awarding of the prizes to the six successful competitors.

Those who took the prizes were as follows: 1st prize, Miss Carrie Townsend, presented by Noah Shakespeare (\$12); 2nd prize, Miss Ruby Hume, presented by S. O. Bailey, (\$10); 3rd prize, William Stubbs, presented by Alderman McNeill (5 vols. of Robert Louis Stevenson); 4th prize, Miss Stevenson, presented by W. H. Bone (Cassanova's poems, Lays of Ancient Rome, Heroes and Hero Worship, and Drummond's Addresses); 5th prize, Miss Stevens, presented by Rev. Joseph McCoy in behalf of Frank Andrews (12 vols. of Shakespeare); 6th prize, Miss Grant, presented by Mr. Lea (books).

The prizes were awarded in inverse order in order that the first might be just this giving a special opportunity to Noah Shakespeare, the founder of the Bible Study contest, to speak to the congregation. He, like several of the other speakers, referred to his disappointment that so few boys had taken part, the chairman having pointed out that of the forty-five who wrote, thirty-six were girls and only nine boys. Had an equally large number of boys as of girls written there would have been a far better contest. The examination, he felt assured, could not be but most beneficial in its effects, and he hoped very much that next year a scholarship might be arranged for. The establishment of the contest had been in order that encouragement might be given to Bible study as well as to athletics, which at the present time received much more attention than the study of the scriptures and were more encouraged.

Mr. Green announced that the winner of the special seventh prize which had been arranged for by the board of examiners in view of the high marks won by one of the young contestants, had resigned her award in favor of the girl next in standing. The chairman also spoke with pride of the fact that all prize winners were members of Methodist Sunday schools, although the questions on the examination paper had been set by ministers representing practically every denomination, who had been allowed to examine and mark

the answers to the questions put by them.

The address of the evening was given by Rev. Robert Connell, of St. Saviour's church, Victoria West, the subject being "The Value of Bible Study." One of the first texts which the Bible student should remember was "Read, mark, learn and inwardly digest." The speaker emphasized the value of the Bible as literature. There was perhaps no book more fitted to give proper command of language than the English Bible, and anyone who diligently followed its practice of reading the scriptures aloud would be taking a great step toward preventing a slipshod use of Anglo-Saxon. In no literature was English used more precisely or truthfully.

Reading the scriptures, unfortunately, was not so generally practised as it had been in days gone by. It was true that there were few homes without Bibles, but too seldom were they read to-day more than ever before the Bible was of interest; both historically and in a literary sense, owing to the researches of students. It meant much to the listener's understanding of the Word to hear it well read, and he therefore appealed to ministers to make more of its beauties of phrase and verse.

Students, too, should not merely read. They should mark the beauties by a profound observance of the underlying meaning. It was the experience of all who studied it closely that each new reading revealed something previously unnoted. Each verse, each word, was worth careful investigation.

Mr. Connell complimented the young contestants who had qualified in the recent examination, and recommended them to a further pursuit of the study. Memorizing as much as possible of the Bible was recommended, although this in itself was not enough. He had in this country met people who knew the Bible by word almost from end to end, yet it profited them nothing. The lessons and teachings were to be taken to heart; the spirit in which they studied the Book was the thing, in order that the scriptures should live again in the actions of men.

MEETINGS

Elks to Meet.—A meeting of the Elks' lodge will be held this evening in the lodge room, Campbell building. A full attendance is requested.

Sunday Subjects.—"The Lost Boy" will be Dr. H. N. Maclean's theme at St. Paul's Presbyterian church, Victoria West, on Sunday morning. At 7 p.m. he will speak on "The Duty of Happiness and the Happiness of Duty."

North Ward Closing.—The closing exercises of North Ward school will take place at 1.30 p.m. to-morrow, and will consist of patriotic songs and recitations, physical exercises and drills, and other features which are certain to prove most attractive to the audience which it may be anticipated

will gather in its usually large numbers.

Astronomical Society.—The annual meeting of the Victoria Centre of the Royal Astronomical society will be held this evening at the King's Daughters' restaurant, Courtney street at 8. The chief business will be the reception of reports and the election of officers for the ensuing year.

Fellowship Meeting.—"The Sin of Sifting Still" will be the topic at the fellowship meeting in the lecture room of St. Paul's church, Victoria West, this evening at 7.30. A choir of boys and girls will lead the singing, and Mrs. H. N. Maclean will sing "The Shepherd's Voice."

Christmas Social.—The Christmas social to be held in the lecture room of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church next Monday at 8 p.m., under the auspices of the Young People's society, promises to be a great success. A Christmas programme has been arranged, including games, songs, surprises, etc., and every effort has been made to provide a most enjoyable evening. Refreshments will be served.

Service of Praise.—Next Sunday evening a service of praise will be held at St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, when special Christmas music will be rendered by the choir. A number of selections from Handel's "Messiah" will be featured. The soloists will be Mrs. Macdonald-Pathey, Mrs. J. Longfield and E. J. Hearn, W. Mahillie and J. Wood. A short organ recital will be given previous to the service, commencing at 7 o'clock.

Y. M. C. A. Boys' Division.—To-morrow evening there will be a club social at the Y. M. C. A. in connection with the boys' division. The event will be open exclusively to members of the twelve Triangle clubs organized in the association, the first part of the programme, from 7.30 to 8, to be for schoolboy members and from 8 to 10.30 for employed and high school boys. Eighteen games have been lined up on the programme, and a very rousing and jolly affair is expected.

Sunday Concert.—The concert to be given by the Fusiell's band at Pantheatre next Sunday evening will have many interesting numbers. Among the soloists will be Mrs. Alfred Codd, soprano, and J. Trace, baritone. An attractive feature will be the appearance of the drum and fife band of the 88th Regiment.

Fifth Regiment Band.—The Fifth Regiment band, is offering another very attractive programme for next Sunday evening at the Royal Victoria theatre, among those who are to take part being Mrs. W. A. Gieson, pianist; Mrs. W. Grant, soprano, and Messrs. Douglas and Loughheed, tenor and baritone respectively. The band will play Suppe's "Poet and Peasant," and selections from "The Quaker Girl."

WILL ORGANIZE BODY FORMALLY TO-MORROW

Central Employment and Relief Association Will Hold First Meeting To-morrow

The first meeting of the central committee on employment and relief, which was formed to deal with the local situation as a result of the meeting yesterday week under the mayor's auspices, has been set for to-morrow evening at the city hall.

Only a few of the societies that have a right to be represented—those actually engaged in relief work—have so far made return of their representatives to the mayor's office. His worship desires it to be understood that the societies should take notice of the intimation and have their representatives present to-morrow evening, so that the organization can be formally launched and have the fullest confidence of the public as a clearing house for relief and a central body to devise employment schemes.

Those societies that have so far made a return of their representatives are as follows:

Y. O. D. E.—Mrs. R. S. Day and Mrs. Hassell.

King's Daughters—Mrs. L. H. Hardie and Miss Gatenby.

Social Service Commission—Rev. Robert Connell and Rev. William Stevenson.

Unemployment committee—J. L. Martin and A. Varney.

Local Council of Women—Mrs. J. D. Gordon and Mrs. Mawson.

Unitarian church—Rev. H. E. B. Speight and Spencer Howland.

The Federated Friendly Societies' association has left with its executive the selection of the representatives who will attend of its behalf.

To this organization has been referred several suggestions framed by the original unemployment committee and the various persons interested in relief, so that whatever is done may have the fullest support of the community. It should be distinctly understood that no attempt will be made to interfere with the activities of existing societies, but that the new body will be the clearing house for relief, a body entrusted with the registration of cases and an association to which the public may look for direction in philanthropic matters. As one of the first steps, probably a central office will be established, where a confidential register of cases will be maintained for the information of the generous public. Apart from the philanthropic side it is intended not to lose sight of the duty imposed by the first part of the name of the body. An endeavor will be made to devise ways of employment for the deserving, so

that the unemployed may not become unemployable.

The city will not delegate its powers as indeed it has no authority to do— as the body ultimately responsible for relief under the statute. It will co-operate in every possible way with the central organization, on which it will be represented by the mayor, as convenor, and two aldermen.

Y. M. C. A. BUILDING OPENED

Interesting Ceremony at the Formal Dedication of Willows Camp Branch Last Evening.

The new Y.M.C.A. building at the Willows camp was crowded last night on the occasion of the formal opening. Ald. George Bell, president of the Victoria Y.M.C.A., presided. The orchestra of the Fifth Regiment played several marches and military airs as a preliminary.

Rev. Dr. Campbell, chaplain of the 50th Regiment, dedicated the building by prayer, and Ald. Bell, in his opening remarks, outlined the work of the military field service department of the Y.M.C.A. and the purposes which the building is intended to serve. Ald. Bell also intimated that all the material and furnishings of the building, through the generosity of Victoria citizens, had been donated to the amount of \$709, a balance of \$275.60 owing, the whole cost of building being less than \$1,000. The co-operation of local merchants, the Florence Nightingale chapter of the Y.O.D.E., and the carpenters who had given their services free, had made this possible.

Ald. McCandless, representing Mayor Stewart, who was unable to be present, expressed appreciation of the spirit which had secured this building for the use of the soldiers, and welcomed the units from the different points of British Columbia which are now stationed at the Willows.

After a cornet solo by Trooper Moody, P. W. Witham referred to the work the local association is doing to help the soldiers.

J. G. Yates, recently general secretary of the Y.M.C.A. at New Westminster, stated that this department of Y.M.C.A. work was operating at all the concentration camps in Canada, and that the work of this department in Victoria promised to be more useful and conspicuous than that at any other camp in the Dominion. Speaking on behalf of the officers and soldiers stationed at the Willows camp, Lieut.-Col. Hall expressed thanks to the Florence Nightingale chapter and to the Y.M.C.A. for their splendid efforts to help in the social life of the camp. He greatly appreciated the help of the city Y.M.C.A. in providing bathing facilities for the men, and was certain that the service of this building would be greatly used and enjoyed by the men.

Several patriotic songs were sung by the audience, and Rev. D. Scott, on behalf of the clergymen of the city, gave an inspiring talk to the men on the great work of the soldiers.

HIGHLAND RIFLEMEN WIN MANY TROPHIES

Splendid Results Attained by Marksmen of the Fiftieth Regiment at the Ranges

The wind-up of the shooting season of the 50th Regiment, Gordon Highlanders of Canada rifle association finds it in a splendid position, all the more noteworthy when it is remembered that the regiment is but a year old. The progress made in marksmanship has been nothing short of marvellous, and the same advance marks the corps in all other regards. The present officer in command, Captain Forsyth, is just as determined that the regiment shall keep in the front as its commander, now on active service, and the other officers.

Fully ninety per cent of those who shot over the ranges had never shot before, but nevertheless the average for the whole regiment is three and one-half points per shot fired in practice. This fact speaks volumes for the work that has been done in training the men and the manner in which they have responded.

Color-Sergeant Watson wins the championship of the regiment, an honor which cannot be held by an officer. The winner is only one point behind the veteran marksmen of Victoria, Lieut. Fred Richardson. Lieut. Richardson wins the gold medal and the silver medal is awarded to Lieut. Tapley.

The medals and spoons won will be distributed at an early date, probably sometime next week. Below are the scores in the grand aggregate and spoon competition:

Grand Aggregate (Nine Best Scores).

A Class.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1. Lieut. F. Richardson	94	93	91	90	89	88	87	86	85	84
2. Col. Sergt. S. Watson	92	91	90	89	88	87	86	85	84	83
3. Lieut. W. E. Tapley	91	90	89	88	87	86	85	84	83	82
4. Col. Sergt. W. R. Smith	90	89	88	87	86	85	84	83	82	81
5. Lieut. W. E. Tapley and Col. Sergt. W. R. Smith tied for third place.										

B Class.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1. Sergt. G. Cooney	94	92	91	90	89	88	87	86	85
2. Sergt. W. Elliott	93	91	90	89	88	87	86	85	84
3. Corp. D. Fyvie	92	90	89	88	87	86	85	84	83

C Class.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1. Corp. D. Weir	90	89	88	87	86	85	84	83	82
2. Capt. H. Gillespie	88	87	86	85	84	83	82	81	80
3. Sergt. P. Gibson	86	85	84	83	82	81	80	79	78

D Class.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1. F. V. Richardson	90	87	86	85	84	83	82	81	80
2. Sergt. E. J. Campbell	84	83	82	81	80	79	78	77	76
3. Pte. Stady	77	76	75	74	73	72	71	70	69

A Class Spoons.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1. Pte. G. N. Hughes	94	93	92	91	90	89	88	87	86
2. Lieut. Tapley	93	92	91	90	89	88	87	86	85
3. Col. Sergt. S. Watson	92	91	90	89	88	87	86	85	84
4. Lieut. Richardson	91	90	89	88	87	86	85	84	83
5. Lieut. Wallis	90	89	88	87	86	85	84	83	82
6. Sergt. Smith	89	88	87	86	85	84	83	82	81
7. Sergt. Cooney	88	87	86	85	84	83	82	81	80
8. Pte. Burton	87	86	85	84	83	82	81	80	79
9. Sergt. Elliott	86	85	84	83	82	81	80	79	78
10. Pte. Hardwick	85	84	83	82	81	80	79	78	77

B Class Spoons.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1. Sergt. Cooney	94	92	91	90	89	88	87	86	85
2. Pte. Elliott	93	91	90	89	88	87	86	85	84
3. Lieut. Montell	92	90	89	88	87	86	85	84	83
4. Corp. D. Weir	91	90	89	88	87	86	85	84	83
5. Capt. Gillespie	90	89	88	87	86	85	84	83	82
6. Col. Sergt. Stewart	89	88	87	86	85	84	83	82	81
7. Bugler Richardson	88	87	86	85	84	83	82	81	80
8. Pte. Stady	87	86	85	84	83	82	81	80	79
9. Pte. O'Neill	86	85	84	83	82	81	80	79	78
10. Sergt. Findlay	85	84	83	82	81	80	79	78	77

C Class Spoons.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1. Major Ross	94	93	92	91	90	89	88	87	86
2. Pte. A. V. Dancy	93	92	91	90	89	88	87	86	85
3. Pte. E. McCallum	92	91	90	89	88	87	86	85	84
4. Pte. L. Tapley	91	90	89	88	87	86	85	84	83
5. Lieut. Townsend	90	89	88	87	86	85	84	83	82
6. Capt. Gillespie	89	88	87	86	85	84	83	82	81
7. Lieut. Agnew	88	87	86	85	84	83	82	81	80
8. Pte. C. B. Wilson	87	86	85	84	83	82	81	80	79
9. Corp. D. Weir	86	85	84	83	82	81	80	79	78
10. Lieut. Wood	85	84	83	82	81	80	79	78	77

D Class Spoons.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1. Sergt. Peacock	94	92	91	90	89	88	87	86	85
2. Sergt. P. J. Campbell	93	91	90	89	88	87	86	85	84
3. Pte. Paul	92	90	89	88	87	86	85	84	83
4. Corp. D. Fyvie	91	90	89	88	87	86	85	84	83
5. Bugler Richardson	90	89	88	87	86	85	84	83	82
6. Col. Sergt. Stewart	89	88	87	86	85	84	83	82	81
7. Pte. Stady	88	87	86	85	84	83	82	81	80
8. Pte. O'Neill	87	86	85	84	83	82	81	80	79
9. Sergt. Findlay	86	85	84	83	82	81	80	79	78
10. Sergt. Hudson	85	84	83	82	81	80	79	78	77

E Class Spoons.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1. Pte. B. Campbell	94	93	92	91	90	89	88	87	86
2. Pte. A. McCallum	93	92	91	90	89	88	87	86	85
3. Pte. Paul	92	91	90	89	88	87	86	85	84
4. Sergt. P. J. Campbell	91	90	89	88	87	86	85	84	83
5. Bugler Richardson	90	89	88	87	86	85	84	83	82
6. Capt. Roberts	89	88	87	86	85	84	83	82	81
7. Pte. B. C. Tapley	88	87	86	85	84	83	82	81	80
8. Pte. Hallward	87	86	85	84	83	82	81	80	79
9. Pte. P. H. Hughes	86	85	84	83	82	81	80	79	78
10. Pte. Graham	85	84	83	82	81	80	79	78	77

F Class Spoons.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1. Pte. Stady	94	93	92	91	90	89	88	87	86
2. Pte. O'Neill	93	92	91	90	89	88	87	86	85
3. Sergt. Findlay	92	91	90	89	88	87	86	85	84
4. Sergt. Hudson	91	90	89	88	87	86	85	84	83
5. Pte. B. Campbell	90	89	88	87	86	85	84	83	82
6. Pte. A. McCallum	89	88	87	86	85	84	83	82	81
7. Pte. Paul	88	87	86	85	84	83	82	81	80
8. Sergt. P. J. Campbell	87	86	85	84	83	82	81	80	79
9. Bugler Richardson	86	85	84	83	82	81	80	79	78
10. Capt. Roberts	85	84	83	82	81	80	79	78	77

G Class Spoons.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1. Pte. Hallward	94	93	92	91	90	89	88	87	86
2. Pte. P. H. Hughes	93	92	91	90	89	88	87	86	85
3. Pte. Graham	92	91	90	89	88	87	86	85	84
4. Pte. Stady	91	90	89	88	87	86	85	84	83
5. Pte. O'Neill	90	89	88	87	86	85	84	83	82
6. Sergt. Findlay	89	88	87	86	85	84	83	82	81
7. Sergt. Hudson	88	87	86	85	84	83	82	81	80
8. Pte. B. Campbell	87	86	85	84	83	82	81	80	79
9. Pte. A. McCallum	86	85	84	83	82	81	80	79	78
10. Pte. Paul	85	84	83	82	81	80	79	78	77

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2. Bugler Richardson	93	92	91	90	89	88	87	86	85
3. Capt. Roberts	92	91	90	89	88	87	86	85	84
4. Pte. B. C. Tapley	91	90	89	88	87	86	85	84	83
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10. Sergt. Findlay	85	84	83	82	81	80	79	78	77

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CLOSING EXERCISES CHILDREN'S AID HOME

Boys of Pembroke Street School Present Delightful Programme to Audience

Happiness is a condition of the heart and mind; it is not, as very popularly thought, the product of material riches or many bodily comforts. Anyone who was present at the closing exercises at the Children's Aid Home yesterday can easily believe this, for never were happier boys seen than those who took part in the very delightful programme of Pembroke street school, under direction of the teacher, Miss O'Keefe, Charles Hayward, president of the Children's Aid, was in the chair, at least, as one commentator noted, until the formidable-looking weapons of the youthful soldiers were levelled at the audience in one of the military drills which were carried out with such precision and keenness.

There was not enough room in the boys' recreation hall and gymnasium to accommodate all the interested visitors who were present for the proceedings, and in order to make even sufficient for those who were confidently expected, the staging had to be very economically accomplished as far as space was concerned. The room had been very festively decorated by the boys themselves with festoons and boughs of cedar with crimson paper wound in and out to

SPORTING NEWS

NYE WILL MANAGE 1915 BEES

PINKY GRINDLE FOR LOCAL CLUB

Northwestern League Managers Cut Two Weeks From Schedule; to Adopt \$2,500 Salary Limit

"Marty Nye will manage the Victoria Club next season and I look for a real ball club here in 1915." This was the encouraging statement handed out by owner Joshua Kingham, upon his return from the annual meeting of the Northwestern League, at Seattle, yesterday. Mr. Kingham says that steps will immediately be taken to round up a ball team that will be able to hold its own with the best in the league. He is already dickering for Pinky Grindle, the Vancouver backstop, who was with Vancouver last year, while his offer deals in prospect that will greatly help the Bees.

"I think that the Northwestern League chose a real live wire in President Blewett and he should add a lot of dignity and weight to the Presidential Chair," continued Mr. Kingham. "The new president knows baseball thoroughly and will not be swayed by sympathy for one club or another." Mr. Kingham stated that the season will not open until April 21, or exactly one week later than last year. This will do away with a week of cold weather and the clubs will run for five months, cutting two weeks off their last season's schedule. It is probable that a salary limit of \$2,500 will be adopted, the teams being

allowed but fourteen players, including the manager. This will cut down traveling expenses considerably.

Seattle, Dec. 17.—John S. Barnes, to whom was given the sixth franchise in the Northwestern League, has already selected a manager. He has named Charles Sile, who will be remembered as a second baseman for the Bees in 1907. Charles was not much of a hitter then, but he was dangerous in a pinch because he had the nerve to try. Since leaving here Charles has made good as a manager in the Three-Eye League and also in the Twilight.

Chicago, Dec. 17.—Three umpires, Jeff Johnson of the American Association, Louis Effe of the Western League and Harry Howell, a former pitcher of the St. Louis Americans, were signed yesterday by the Federal League. This makes seven umpires under contract to the league.

New York, Dec. 17.—President Robert B. Ward, of the Brooklyn Dodgers, yesterday made public a letter which he had written to President Hempstead, of the Giants, relative to the signing of Rube Marquard. The executive of the Tip-Tops has proposed to relinquish claim to the southpaw provided the New York club can prove to his satisfaction that the Giants hold Marquard's signed contract for the seasons of 1915 and 1916. He goes even further than this, and expresses a willingness to consider with Marquard a cancellation of the contract he entered into for fifteen hundred dollars prize money.

LOCAL RUGBY STAR



CYRIL SEDGER

James Bay Rugby star, who showed up well in Saturday's inter-city Rugby fixture at Vancouver. Sedger is one of the most aggressive players on the coast.

SHOEMEN NOW TOP COMMERCIAL LEAGUE

City Leaguers Beaten in Exhibition Fixture; Portland at Vancouver To-morrow

Commercial League	Won	Lost	Tied
Shoemen	2	0	1
Carter and McKenzie	1	0	1
Cedar Hill	0	3	0

On a disputed goal, the Shoemen carried off a victory over the Cedar Hill sevens at the Arena last night. Referee Jack Baker upholding the umpire, the final score being 5 to 1. The match was one of the most exciting yet played in the Commercial league series and both teams put up a lot of fine hockey. The speed of the Cedar Hill team was a big factor in their play, but the winners had a slightly better combination, while their defence work was brilliant. Cedar Hill claims that the winning goal hit the iron upright and never entered the net. Umpire Christie said that the goal was O. K. and the Hills could do nothing further. Kenny and Woolsey starred for the losing septette, while Walton and King were the pick of the "booters." The teams: Cedar Hill: Goal, Wallis; point, C. Brown; cover, R. Woolsey; rover, F. Toms; centre, F. Kenny; right wing, A. Simpson; left wing, L. Miller. Shoemen: Goal, Cummins; point, Studz; cover, Cornett; rover, Watson; centre, King; right wing, Minns; left wing, Morton. Subs, Cedar Hill: F. Miller. Shoemen: Reardon. Referee, J. Baker. Judge of play, H. Reese.

Carter and McKenzie put over a surprise last night by defeating the Bankers of the City league, 6 to 4, in a snappy exhibition fixture at the Arena. The Commercial league had the edge all the way through. Fair, Newitt and Strath steering for the winners.

Portland play at Vancouver to-morrow night and the Rosebuds claim that they will take a fall out of the unbeaten Millionaires. Victoria will rest up until December 26, when they travel to Portland for one of the toughest matches on the local schedule. Manager Patrick threatens to make drastic changes in the team unless the locals show a rapid return to championship form.

The announcement that Goldie Progers, of Quebec, will be with Wanderers this season means that Art Ross' shoes have been filled in jig time. Progers and Sprague Cleghorn will make Lichtenhein a fine husky defence.

If Canadians get away to a good start, they will be hard to overtake this winter. They have a very favorable early season schedule, but are notorious for their slowness to hit a winning stride.

Ottawa, Toronto and Wanderers look the best bets at the present writing.

Ed. Lamé will be an attraction at Ottawa during the practice season if nothing else. If he is as good a hockey player as he is a ball player he will do.

With the new league hockey disposed of, the N.H.A. should get off to a better start than any time in its history. There has been more activity four weeks in advance of the present season than can be recalled since the league was organized.

Frank Calder, secretary of the N.H.A., was former sporting editor of the "Montreal Herald."

Bowers met a benevolent party on a railroad train one day, and as the acquaintance ripened a bit, he began to spread before the other the history of his life. "When I was a clerk in a grocery store," remarked Bowers, among other things, "I received only nine dollars a week, and like many other young men, I fell in with bad companions and began to gamble."

"I see," interrupted the benevolent party sadly. "You were tempted and took money which did not belong to you." "Oh, no," cheerily responded Bowers. "In less than a month I won enough money to buy the grocery."

THISTLES MEET LEAGUE LEADERS

V. F. A. Will Stage Patriotic Match on Xmas Day; Week-End Soccer Schedule

V. F. A. teams had a very brief meeting last evening, there being practically no business of importance transacted. A game was arranged to take place on Christmas Day, and Mr. Bain, president of the V. F. A., will name the referee to handle the match. The principal bill on Saturday's list of soccer fixtures is the Thistle-Jackson, league match at Beacon Hill. Thus far this season the Albert Head team has bested the Scotsmen, but the latter are confident of turning the tide this week-end. The following are the games scheduled for Saturday.

Senior.
Sir John Jackson's vs. Thistles at Beacon Hill; Referee: Goward.

Intermediate.
Victoria West vs. Civic Service at Beacon Hill.
Empires vs. Oak Bay at Oak Bay.
C. P. R. vs. Fairfield's at Heywood Avenue grounds.

Junior.
Victoria West vs. Y. M. C. A. North Ward vs. High School.
Next week the officers of the V. F. A. will make arrangements for the Inter-City match with Vancouver for New Year's day.

Fifth Regiment again showed their class as a soccer aggregation when they defeated Company B, of the 30th battalion at the Willows yesterday, 5 to 1. The local artillerymen had too much combination for the "Creams," while their shooting was also better. The teams:

Fifth Regiment: Goal, Hewitt; backs, Donald and Davies; half-backs, Green, Harrison and McBrady; forwards, Smith, Newbiggin, Hughes, Krueger and Cull.

H. Company, 30th Battalion: Goal, Ward; backs, Gill and Thomson; half-backs, Bowman, Phillips and Hawkey; forwards, Hannan, Robbins, Longmate, Brinkley and Sutton.

Fairfield team for Saturday: "Leeming" capt., Donaldson, Church, A. Lee, R. F. Ferris, George Clegg, Gibson, Roy Clegg, Clowes, R. Lea and Erickson. Reserve, Payne.

Players are requested to be on the ground at least fifteen minutes prior to time of kick-off.

RUGBY CHAMPIONS

Canadian championship—Senior, Argonauts; Intermediate, St. Michael's college; Junior, Western university.

Inter-provincial Union—Senior, Argonauts; Intermediate, Hamilton Tiger II.

Inter-collegiate Union—Senior, University of Toronto; Intermediate, St. Michael's college; Junior, Ontario Agricultural college.

O.R.F.U.—Senior, Hamilton Rowing club; Junior, Western university.

Quebec Union—Intermediate, Ottawa II.; Junior, Westmount.

Manitoba Union—Senior, Intermediate and Junior series won by Winnipeg Rowing club.

Alberta Union—Senior, Alberta University; Intermediate, Calgary High school.

Little Big Four Union—St. Andrew's college.

Toronto City League—Senior, Capitals; Junior, Balm Beach.

Boy's Union League—Senior, Capitals; Intermediate, Capitals.

Toronto High School League—Parkdale C. I.

Mulock Cup—Junior Meds.

Western Ontario Collegiate Football Union—Grantham C. I.

B.C.R.U.—Vancouver.

BAYLEY OFFERED BOUTS IN ANTIPODES

VANCOUVER ISLAND TOURNEY NEXT WEEK

"I have been offered five bouts in Australia, but I would rather stay here for a time and meet Rough House Burns," was the statement that Joe Bayley made to the Times yesterday with regard to his plans for the future. Bayley says that Burns ran out of a match with him after Morris Condon had agreed to all the terms proffered by Manager Sterling, who is handling the champion. Bayley is willing to post a substantial side bet that he can defeat Burns and says that he will enter the ring at the champion's own terms.

Snowy Baker interviewed Bayley while the latter was at San Francisco, and wanted Bayley to leave this month for the Antipodes. He has offered the Victoria boy a return ticket and a good percentage contract for five bouts against lightweights that Baker will select to oppose him. Bayley is likely to accept this offer, but wants to secure a bout with Burns before he leaves this country. The boys were matched for a twenty-round bout at Merriton on Christmas Day, but the champion made other bookings when Bayley sailed from the south for home.

Bayley states that it was the promoters who killed the fight game in the south, putting on a lot of bunk fights and rewatching the same boys three or four times. The Victoria youth was offered several chances to get started in the four-round game, but decided to hike north and seek a bout with Burns.

W. H. Davies announces that he has secured the Victoria theatre for the Vancouver Island boxing tourney on December 22. He has lined up an all-star card and looks for a bumper crowd.

Chicago, Dec. 17.—Ed. White, local wrestling promoter and manager, re-

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WESTHOLME SQUAD TO MEET LEAGUE LEADERS

The fourth series of games of the Victoria English Billiard league will be held at Richardson's hall to-night, the contesting teams being Richardson's and the Westholme.

This will be the first time the above teams have met this year, and considerable interest is being taken in this match, as Richardson's team is considered the strongest in the league.

Line-up:
Westholme—Cameron, Smith, Ashworth, Scott, Marshall.
Richardson's—Marshall, Sales, Askey, Robertson, Ralston.

Standing:

	Won	Lost	Pct.
Broad Street	5	0	1.000
Richardson's	4	1	.800
Westholme	3	2	.600
St. James	2	3	.400
C. & C.	1	5	.100

RAMBLERS NOW LEAD CITY BOWLING LEAGUE

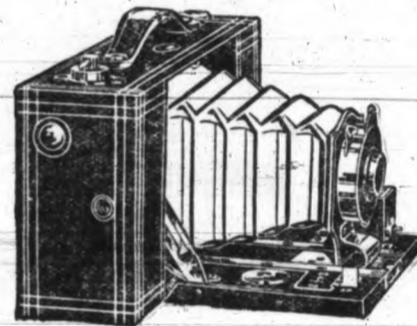
Considerable activity is being shown at the Arcade alleys in the City league games and also the five pin competition for the cash prizes that have been hung up by the management. Tim Fox is still making efforts to have a military league formed, and he thinks that after the second contingent get away, he will be able to secure teams from the Willows. The correct standing of the City league follows:

Played, Won, Lost.

Ramblers	36	25	11
Wholesalers	33	22	11
Shortt, Hill & Duncan	35	16	20
Elks Club	29	10	20
Outlaws	27	8	19

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Why Dramatized Novels Often Fail.—The Heroine (in the book)—"As nineteen-year-old Faith Draycourt stood there, she seemed for all the world like some breathing, living young goddess come down to earth in a chariot of cloud, chiffon, tinted orange-pink by the setting sun. Her slender body whispered its allure from out the thin folds of silk that, like some fugitive mist, clung about her. Her hair, a tangle of spun copper, fell upon her dimpled shoulders and tumbled off them, a stormy bronze cascade, to the ground. Her eyes, lie twin

melodies of Saint-Saens imbedded in Bermuda's blue woodland pools; her voice, soft as the haunt of a distant guitar." The Heroine (from the newspaper critique of the play made from the book)—"The role of Faith Draycourt was ably interpreted by that accomplished and experienced actress, who is well remembered by the older generation of theatre-goers for her fine performance of 'Juliet' in 1876 at the old Bowery theatre."

A man's future is his own. He makes every day as he goes along.

CIVIC ASSOCIATION

HOLDS BIG SMOKER

The officers of the Civic Service Athletic association are more than satisfied with the success of the smoking concert held last evening at the Knights of Pythias hall. They were glad to have so large a delegation from the city council, including Mayor Stewart, Aldermen Dilworth, Fullerton, Porter, Okell and McKicking, most of whom delivered brief speeches.

Assistant Engineer A. E. Foreman, president of the association, occupied the chair, and among the contributors to the programme, which numbered 16 pieces, were Robert Morrison and Percy Baker, vocalists; J. Melville, W. Brown and Mr. Cobbett, comedians. Others rendering assistance were Messrs. Hirst, Smith, A. Haines, F. Campbell, F. Webb and J. Lea. In smoke and song a pleasant evening was spent, the large hall being filled, as in addition to members of the association there were many present from kindred athletic bodies.

WARDS WINNERS.

North Ward seniors are back in the game of basketball. Last evening at the High school gymnasium they triumphed the School Teachers 32-23 in a well-contested game. After being out of the game for some time, the Wards showed all their old-time form. Their checking and shooting was excellent. Teams:

Teachers—Guards, Small and Smith; centre, McDonald; forwards, Knott and McLean.

North Wards—Guards, G. Ledingham and Schneider; centre, Balfour; forwards, McGregor and Baines.

Ted Menzies refereed.

LOCAL BENCH SHOW.

Last night's dog show at the drill hall was very disappointing, but a handful of spectators gathered to witness the splendid exhibit. Mrs. E. J. Maynard won the handsome trophy donated by C. G. Clute for the best Boston terrier pup. Messrs. Penguck and Godfrey's trophy was won by E. B. Paul's Boston terrier pup "Tipperary."

Butler acted as judge of the terriers; the judging of the sporting dogs was looked after by Frank Turner, while G. Fletcher was judge of the toy dogs.

REMARKED ON THE SIDE

Victoria Team is Not Getting the Goals.

Whatever may be the cause of Victoria's downfall in the opening games of the P. C. H. A. season, one thing is certain, that being the absence of goals by the Victoria goal getters. Three and four goals will win mighty few games, especially in this company, where both the Vancouver and Portland teams are all keyed up at a faster scoring gait. The Victoria defence has been showing splendid work defensively, but their puck carrying is also weak. The back checking of the locals is another missing factor this year and the forwards must help out their defence; if they are to cop another championship.

President Blewett a Real Baseball Leader.

It would appear as if the Northwestern league has at last raked up a president who will take sufficient interest in this circuit to look after a few duties of the office. First of all President Blewett will do well to sign up at least three competent umpires, while another matter will be the keeping of the various clubs within the \$2,500 salary limit. Class B baseball is all that this circuit will stand, especially with financial conditions as they are to-day. Victoria, Tacoma and Everett will require protection and this must be looked after by the league pilot. President Blewett is a former major leaguer and a lawyer of some standing so that the league appears to have made a wise choice in placing him in the presidential chair.

Rube Marquard and Art Ross will link up in a vaudeville sketch entitled "Expelled."

Coach Bull, of Yale, saw the Argo-Varsity game, but beyond a few glances threw nothing at the players.

Kopp, of St. Thomas, may go to Ottawa. If the Russians haven't started the rumor, there is a chance of him being landed.

The most exciting part of the hockey season has arrived, viz.: Signing up players who want \$2,000 for \$200.

Germany has added Lodz to the kaiser's winter circuit. It's only a bush league anyhow.

More Rhapsodies From General Von Bernhardt

German War Advocate Wrote Another Book Two Years Ago—Works Show Delusions From Which German Nation Suffers

Under the illuminating title of "Britain as Germany's Vassal," the latest work of General Friedrich von Bernhardt, who attained international prominence two years ago by his now well-known work, "Germany and the Next War," has been translated into English and has just reached this country.

Written in 1912, this latest work of Germany's greatest advocate of expansion by war, is, like its predecessor, remarkable for the author's spirit of prophecy, in so far as the intentions and acts of his own country are concerned.

Much which this volume contains might have been written since the war began and would be a fairly accurate account of what has actually happened. After a careful perusal of the work it is impossible to escape the conclusion that General von Bernhardt either knew the military programme of his country and hoped by a strong advocacy of it in his public writings to push it to speedy consummation, or has been gifted with remarkable powers of divination.

In his latest work von Bernhardt has "reverted" much of the same ground covered by his original book. Again is found the doctrine that Germany must strike hard and quick to crush France, that war is a necessary factor in the development of culture and the upbuilding of a nation, that peace breeds decadence and that treaties were made to be broken, and should never be seriously regarded as binding.

But the author now goes to limits which were never dreamed of by the readers of his other volume. By war, he says, Germany must acquire supremacy in Europe and the Mediterranean first and follow this with the mastery of the world.

"Decadent England," described as Germany's chief enemy, must be made subservient to Germany either by war or by an "alliance" under which she must give up her naval supremacy, quit the Triple Entente, abandon her allies and disarm by distributing her fleet over the world, meanwhile leaving Germany alone in crushing France and acquiring domination of Europe, North Africa and Asia Minor. In plain language, General von Bernhardt asserts that Britain must become Germany's vassal either through war or submission.

Mr. Barker, in a preface to the work, calls attention to the fact that, diplomatically and militarily, Germany has carried out every one of von Bern-

hardt's recommendations contained in this volume, adding:

"His latest book is perhaps the most remarkable political indiscretion of modern times."

Von Bernhardt reveals a fatal mistake in his new book. Urging war upon the entente powers, "although it may lead to war similar to the Seven Years' War," he predicted that there would be delay in the sending to the continent of an English expeditionary force. He based his belief in the crushing of France and the simplifying of Germany's task to a very large extent on this. At the same time he says unhesitatingly that if all the powers of the entente should attack Germany at the same time—which is what has happened—Germany "may meet defeat and heavy and terrible times."

Reviewing German history and Germany's contributions to civilization, which is done at great length, von Bernhardt writes:

"From their first appearance in history the Germans have proved themselves to be a civilized nation of the first rank, and, one may say, the civilized nation."

Other utterances along similar lines are:

"One should not underestimate the spiritual achievements of other nations. At the same time it is clear that in the course of modern history Germany's genius has been responsible for the most decisive spiritual progress, and has therefore been of universal importance."

"No other nation can point to achievements comparable to those of Germany."

"The value of German civilization rests on a two-fold basis—the impartiality and universality of the German mind. No nation exists which thinks at the same time so clearly and so historically as does the German."

Germans living abroad, von Bernhardt writes, cannot continue an independent national civilization. Bearing this in mind, he continues:

"We must confess with a bleeding heart that the political position of the German empire does not in any way correspond with the pre-eminence of German civilization and with the economic importance of Germanism abroad."

Geographical Position Unbearable. Germany's geographical position, von Bernhardt writes, is unbearable. He says in part:

"We are penned up. We are surrounded by England, France and Rus-

sia, three enemies who are closely allied, and whenever we endeavor to increase our power we meet with their united and determined opposition."

"These three powers have tied down Italy's forces in the Mediterranean in such a manner that they can be only of little assistance to Germany in case of war. Only Austria-Hungary stands faithfully by our side."

The three hostile great powers are unceasingly endeavoring to bring about the disintegration and the collapse of Turkey and to weaken that power to the utmost. Now Turkey is a necessary adjunct to the Austro-German alliance. It is of the utmost importance for us to preserve Turkey and to make her powerful and efficient. That country is most necessary for us, both in war and peace, for military and economic reasons.

"The destruction or the wrecking of Turkey would directly damage our position and our power on the continent of Europe."

It is impossible, continues the writer, for this state of things to be long maintained. A great and proud nation possessed of great strength for war and of a great civilization.

"Our feeling of exasperation," he says, "must become all the greater when we remember Germany's importance as a civilizing factor and as a trading power, if we remember our claim upon the world's territories in consequence of the increase of Germany's population."

"Confidently relying upon German strength and German civilization, we Germans must try by all means in our power to acquire that political pre-eminence which corresponds with our importance in the world. In endeavoring to gain for ourselves a position in the world which we feel to be our right, we must meet with determined opposition. However, it must be clear to us that we shall not be able to maintain the place in the world which we occupy at present unless we strive with all our strength to make Germany a real world power and give her that influence which she requires."

Warnings of Emigration. "We must choose between progress and decline. The decline of our political position would soon be followed by that of our economic position. Then the excess of our population would strengthen foreign nations as in former times, and our political decline would not doubt lead to a decline of Germany's intellectual power and significance as well. The progress of German civilization depends upon Germany's expansion. Germany must become a world power. If we continue to be merely a continental state, and if we continue to exist as a colonial power by the grace of England, Germany will once more occupy that position of utter insignificance which she occupied before 1866."

"World power for decline is Germany's motto by the will of history. We have no alternative. Von Bernhardt calls on all Germans for a sacrifice of their individual views. Abstract doctrinaire discussions, particularism and individualism, he says, have exercised a pernicious influence throughout Germany's history. "No party government is required, or rather a government which stands above the parties and conciliates all," he says. "Every one must therefore be prepared to sacrifice part of his convictions if he wishes to serve the nation. It would be pernicious to cling to party principles and to personal views when the progress and prosperity of the common country are at stake. Appeals to 'Higher Ideals'."

"In the intellectual domain we must continue with spiritual arms the struggle which Germany began at the time of the Reformation. We must bridge the differences which divide Roman Catholics and Protestants, especially in Germany. Perhaps we shall be able to unite the people by appealing to the higher ideals of the soul when the results of scientific investigation have become more familiar to the people in general."

In Germany von Bernhardt strongly urges the combating of socialism, but by reasonable and patriotic means. Urging the advantage of the monarchy over the republic, he says that in the latter the ruling majority oppresses the minority, and that history proves that democracies are in danger of falling under the control of demagogues. In the monarchy he asserts there is independent power which is impartial and which stands above all parties, with no danger of power being abused by an individual or a class.

The power and influence of the press is the subject of some strong utterances by von Bernhardt. On this point he writes:

"The influence of the press is unfortunately insufficiently understood by many. The newspapers are nearly the only literature read by the working masses. Besides, many people belonging to the more or less educated classes derive practically their entire education in after life from the press. Thus the press deeply influences public opinion. It is the source whence the people take their views and ideas. Unfortunately the state leaves the tremendous influence exercised by the press to political parties, to private interest and to large capitalists, who naturally utilize the press for their own purposes. It is obvious that in consequence of the state's indifference the interests of political parties and of individuals. . . . It is absolutely necessary that the government itself should dispose of journals by which it can acquaint the broad masses of the population with the government view."

Finds Position Perilous. Von Bernhardt is profligate with plausible arguments in support of his contention that Germany must dominate Europe. Reiterating that Germany occupies a very dangerous situation, he continues:

"On nearly every side Germany is hedged in by hostile states whose united population exceed that of Germany. These states oppose Germany's foreign policy with determined hostility, and place us ever and again before the choice of fighting or of going without. It is our foremost duty to make an end of this state of affairs. We must once more regain our political liberty or action before we can embark upon an active world policy."

"We must obtain an unshakable foundation for our position on the continent of Europe by enlarging the sphere of our power in Europe itself. Of course, we should not think of a policy of conquest. Such a policy would not be in harmony with the spirit of the time, and would not be to our true advantage. In Europe we can acquire territories only by subjecting their population by force and pressing among the people an undying hostility."

"However, it seems necessary to arrive at a final settlement with France, and it is quite possible to strengthen the triple alliance by enlarging it into a central European Federation. The individual states of which such a federation would be composed might retain their independence. The creation of such a federation would greatly improve Germany's military position and would give a broader and stronger basis to our overseas policy."

For Offensive Union. "The federation of states would have to be attached to the triple alliance, and the triple alliance itself would have to experience an evolutionary change and would have to alter its character. Its purely defensive purpose has proved to be insufficient. It does not do justice to the interests of the three partner states. This purely defensive instrument would have to become a defensive and offensive alliance in accordance with definite stipulations whereby the common interests of these powers would have to be defined."

"Only when we have fulfilled this purpose, when we have freed ourselves from the present position, and when Germany's movements are no longer shackled, can we think of our second task—the enlargement of the German colonial empire and the strengthening of Germany's position throughout the world."

"If we wish to secure to Germany that prestige to which it is entitled, and to obtain for Germany intelligence, German labor and German idealism that influence which is its due in view of the importance of its civilization, we must gain a firm footing upon the world, and we must create everywhere bases for the promotion of German civilization."

Enlarging on this ambitious idea, von Bernhardt says that only by the formation of a large colonial empire can Germany throughout the world be politically or nationally united.

"We must endeavor to acquire new territories throughout the world by all means in our power," he says, "because we must preserve to Germany the millions of Germans who will be born in the future, and we must provide for them food and employment. They ought to be enabled to live under a German sky and to lead a German life."

"We must work in the German way for human progress. Every hour has come, when a great German emigration from Germany gets in, then the Germans who must emigrate should find ready for them new lands in which they can settle and remain Germans."

Before long Germany will resemble an overfilled boiler which is ready to burst unless a valve is open to relieve the pressure.

"Urges 'Increase of Power.' "Security and increase of power." These words summarize Germany's international political tasks. In order to be able to form an opinion how this object may be achieved we must consider the ways and means which are at the disposal of Germany's diplomacy. We must also consider the difficulties which we have to overcome. Lastly we must recognize that the struggle for high ideals, that the desire for action, in short, that war itself is an instrument of cultural progress."

"The intellectual and moral powers of a nation do not grow and increase in the serene atmosphere of a secure peace. They grow in the storm and stress of a great and eventual time under the influence of a sound and active policy which places a great national aim before the people. Such a policy educates the people to patriotism, moral earnestness and success."

Belgium possesses by formal right the Congo State. However, as that state does not do any civilizing and organizing work in that country, but only exploits it, it has less moral right to its possession. Hence the question arises whether from a higher human point of view of justice Belgium should be allowed to enjoy the continued possession of the Congo State, especially as she has in no way fulfilled the international obligations regarding it which she had undertaken. Germany, on the other hand, has not sufficient colonies, and in consequence of the great surplus of births over deaths, she must expect to have an enormous emigration in the future, she may very well inquire whether she has not a moral right to the possession of suitable territories which are only financially exploited by other states."

"When it is impossible for contending nations to arrive at an agreement by raising the question of right, a statesman is forced to appeal to might and to endeavor to carry his purpose by throwing the power of the state into the balance."

He Justifies War Anew. There is scarcely a standpoint from which von Bernhardt does not justify war. Some of his principal utterances are:

"War destroys the shams of peace, reveals great personalities and places 'wars give strength, greatness and truth to all the virtues, to unselfishness and to the joy of sacrifice.'"

"A war which has been chivalrously fought with honest arms is a more moral form of competition than one fought with gold and intrigue under the appearance of peace."

"Wars are ennobling because the small minded are awakened in the greatness of the movement." Von Bernhardt is surprised in view of what he characterizes as his "compelling logic" that the peace movement has gained so great an influence. Admitting that the United States is the chief offender, he writes:

"There is a great contrast between the views of the United States and Germany on the question of peace and war. The United States have conquered their independence and unity on the field of battle, and they have acquired a great heritage of glory, self-consciousness, and liberty. At

present the United States have many competitors, but no enemies. Their relations with Britain are secured by the community of language, not of race. Their differences with Japan cannot endanger their vital interests, should it come to war. America needs not fear over-population, in view of her vast and thinly settled districts in the south and west."

Cites Conditions Here. "In Germany the desire to preserve the peace has since 1871 exerted an unfavorable influence upon foreign policy. The desire for peace has created a political situation in Germany which I cannot consider favorable to the country. The desire to preserve the peace which everywhere and always is placed in the foreground in Germany, seems to justify our faint-hearted peace policy. To support such views can only do harm and is likely to lame public opinion."

"We must strenuously combat the peace propaganda. War must regain its moral justification in the eyes of the public. It is necessary that its high significance as a powerful promoter of civilization should become generally recognized."

"In short, we must become convinced that a war fought for an ideal or fought with the intention of maintaining one's position in the world, is not a barbaric act, but the highest expression of true civilization, that war is a political necessity, and that it is fought in the interest of biological, social and moral progress."

These and voluminous other arguments carefully set down by General von Bernhardt have brought him to this conclusion:

"It is not only practically useful but also morally necessary for Germany to follow an honest, strong and energetic policy of force—a policy which looks not to present advantages, but to the future, that courts of arbitration can only impede Germany's progress; lastly, that we are entitled and compelled to take up arms if irreconcilable differences arise between Germany and other nations, or if we find that other states intend to prevent Germany's historically and biologically necessary development."

Under the heading "The Anglo-German Conflict," von Bernhardt says two factors made the situation in Europe untenable. These are the increased power of Germany and her claims based upon that power, and the changed policy of Britain. Britain championed the peace of Vienna in 1815, by which none of the powers was to obtain a predominant position on the continent similar to that which France had occupied. The writer continues:

"She thought that she could preserve her predominant position on the sea only if she had no serious continental competitor. This being her policy, she supported defeated France, and endeavored to prevent Prussia's expansion and to keep Germany disunited and weak. Thus Russia, France and on the continent, Prussia and the rest

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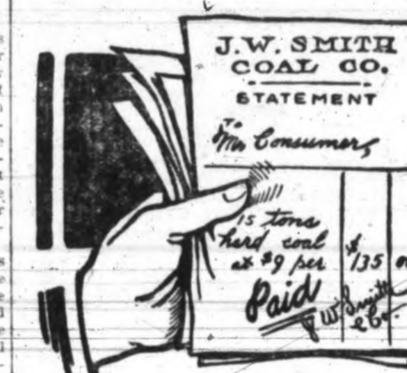
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Along the Waterfront

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DISCOVERER CLEARS BAY CITY FOR HERE

Harrison Liner With Xmas Goods Will Arrive Saturday; Has Redwood for Yeoman

Finally the Harrison liner Discoverer has sailed from San Francisco and local merchants will meet Saturday get their Christmas goods, which she carries. Harold Cove, local agent for the line, was advised today that the steamship sailed from the Golden Gate yesterday morning at 8 o'clock. Favorable weather is now prevailing off the coast and she should easily complete the run in three days, and shipping men look for her at daylight on Saturday.

The Discoverer is bringing considerable cargo to Victoria and she will be here about two days discharging. While at San Francisco the steamship took aboard 100,000 feet of redwood, which is consigned for Cape Town, South Africa. The lumber will be discharged on scows which will be lashed alongside the ship as soon as she berths here. The scows will then be towed to Genoa Bay and the lumber hoisted on the British barque Yeoman which reached the wharf yesterday from Victoria to load for the dark continent.

The late arrival here of the Discoverer has proven of much inconvenience to local merchants. Most of the Christmas goods ordered in the old country, by local merchants are carried by the steamship. It was expected she would have docked here about December 5, but she was detained at the Golden Gate longer than was expected. The Discoverer also carries considerable Christmas goods for Vancouver and the merchants there are clamoring for the goods. They will receive their consignments about two days before the great holiday.

The Discoverer is being followed to Victoria by the steamship Director, which will arrive early in the New Year.

OLSON AND MAHONY TO BRING COAL TO FRISCO

San Francisco, Dec. 17.—The steamer Olson & Mahony, which the local federal officials stopped from carrying cargo to Tait on the supposition that it was intended for the German fleet recently sunk in the Atlantic, has been chartered by the government for coal from Norfolk to San Francisco after being held up by the port officials here. The Olson & Mahony discharged her cargo and proceeded to Aberdeen to load lumber for New York.

The main intention in sending the vessel to South America was the opportunity to pick up cargo there in turn on the Kosmos liners. A quantity of this cargo will be brought back by the steamer Oliver J. Olson now en route south.

HIGBEE RESIGNS FROM PACIFIC COAST OFFICE

Seattle, Dec. 17.—George H. Higbee, for the past ten years vice-president and manager of the Pacific Coast Steamship company, yesterday tendered his resignation to become effective January 1.

F. C. Ward is now acting manager for the company, with headquarters in Seattle, having been appointed to that position at the time Mr. Higbee was granted a leave of absence.

TIMES SHIPPING CHART

Steamer	Master	Tonnage	Agents	From	Due
Seattle Maru	Sato	3,351	P. R. Rithet	Hongkong	Dec. 17
Antiochus	Hoshio	3,453	Balfour, Guthrie	Liverpool	Dec. 18
Yokohama Maru	Komatsubara	4,270	G. Northern	Hongkong	Dec. 20
Tanpoh	Kobayashi	3,773	Balfour, Guthrie	Yokohama	Dec. 21
Director	Nicholson	4,193	Balfour, Guthrie	Hongkong	Jan. 8
Awa Maru	Tomimaga	3,820	G. Northern	Hongkong	Jan. 10
Makura	Phillips	4,251	G. Northern	Sydney	Jan. 14
Tetouan	Reberhausen	6,382	Dodwell & Co.	Liverpool	Jan. 15
Seattle Maru	Sato	3,351	P. R. Rithet	Hongkong	Jan. 15
Shidzuka Maru	Deguchi	4,300	G. Northern	Hongkong	Jan. 17
Mikasa	Morris	2,217	Dodwell & Co.	Liverpool	Feb. 11
Nagasaki	Reis	7,582	G. Northern	Sydney	Feb. 11
Deucalion		4,476	Dodwell & Co.	Liverpool	Mar. 10

Steamer	Master	Tonnage	Agents	From	Due
Niagara	C. P. R.	Sydney	Dec. 23		
Cyclops	Dodwell	Liverpool	Dec. 23		
Panama Maru	R. P. Rithet	Hongkong	Dec. 23		
Sado Maru	G. N.	Hongkong	Dec. 23		
Seattle Maru	R. P. Rithet	Hongkong	Jan. 8		
Yokohama Maru	G. N.	Hongkong	Jan. 10		
Makura	C. P. R.	Australia	Jan. 20		
Antiochus	Dodwell	Liverpool	Jan. 20		

Steamer	Master	Tonnage	Agents	From	Due
Princess Mary	G. T. P.	P. R. Rithet	Dec. 20		
Princess Mary	G. T. P.	P. R. Rithet	Dec. 21		
Princess Mary	G. T. P.	P. R. Rithet	Dec. 23		
Princess Mary	G. T. P.	P. R. Rithet	Dec. 25		
Princess Mary	G. T. P.	P. R. Rithet	Dec. 27		
Princess Mary	G. T. P.	P. R. Rithet	Dec. 29		
Princess Mary	G. T. P.	P. R. Rithet	Dec. 31		
Princess Mary	G. T. P.	P. R. Rithet	Jan. 2		
Princess Mary	G. T. P.	P. R. Rithet	Jan. 4		
Princess Mary	G. T. P.	P. R. Rithet	Jan. 6		
Princess Mary	G. T. P.	P. R. Rithet	Jan. 8		
Princess Mary	G. T. P.	P. R. Rithet	Jan. 10		
Princess Mary	G. T. P.	P. R. Rithet	Jan. 12		
Princess Mary	G. T. P.	P. R. Rithet	Jan. 14		
Princess Mary	G. T. P.	P. R. Rithet	Jan. 16		
Princess Mary	G. T. P.	P. R. Rithet	Jan. 18		
Princess Mary	G. T. P.	P. R. Rithet	Jan. 20		
Princess Mary	G. T. P.	P. R. Rithet	Jan. 22		
Princess Mary	G. T. P.	P. R. Rithet	Jan. 24		
Princess Mary	G. T. P.	P. R. Rithet	Jan. 26		
Princess Mary	G. T. P.	P. R. Rithet	Jan. 28		
Princess Mary	G. T. P.	P. R. Rithet	Jan. 30		
Princess Mary	G. T. P.	P. R. Rithet	Feb. 1		
Princess Mary	G. T. P.	P. R. Rithet	Feb. 3		
Princess Mary	G. T. P.	P. R. Rithet	Feb. 5		
Princess Mary	G. T. P.	P. R. Rithet	Feb. 7		
Princess Mary	G. T. P.	P. R. Rithet	Feb. 9		
Princess Mary	G. T. P.	P. R. Rithet	Feb. 11		
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BETTER SERVICE IF SUBSIDY IS RAISED

Nippon Line Prepared to Send Larger Ships; Sado Maru Has Fine Voyage

"If the Diet increases the subsidy for this line, the Nippon Yusen Kaisha will place larger ships on the run, but unless our government does this there is no likelihood that any changes will be made in the ships coming here." This was the reply given by Capt. K. Asakawa, master of the Nippon liner Sado Maru, in port to-day from the Orient, when questioned as to the probability of the Japanese company replacing some of the vessels now operating in the trans-Pacific trade by newer, larger and faster ships early in the new year.

The Japanese government is now in session and the enlargement of the Nippon service all depends upon the attitude of the law-makers. If they grant the company an increase some of the larger vessels operating to the United Kingdom from Japan will be sent across the Pacific to Victoria and Seattle, but otherwise the service will remain the same as heretofore.

One Inward Voyage.
The Sado Maru had a splendid inward voyage. Capt. Asakawa said that the weather was splendid. Northerly winds prevailed throughout the run and not one gale was encountered. The steamship was 16 days completing the trip from Yokohama, but she is now steaming on her winter schedule and has a day longer to make the run than during the summer. On the run from Hongkong to Kookanaka the Sado had the best of weather.
The Nippon liner brought in a full cargo of general freight. In her cargo she has a shipment of 1,500,000 Chinese eggs and her silk shipment is worth over \$1,500,000. For Victoria the Sado brought 600 tons of freight, including 2,000 boxes of oranges, 125 sacks of rice, 572 bags of beans, miso, wine, soy, salted vegetables, sunflower seeds, peanuts, sake, brushes, wall papers, porcelain, linen goods and general merchandise.
Many Saloon Passengers.
Many saloon passengers arrived on the Sado Maru. V. M. Galbraith, a local boy, who has been in Hongkong for nearly two years, returned on the steamship. G. C. Creelman, president of the Ontario Agricultural College, at Guelph, Ont., who has been on a tour of New Zealand, Australia and the Orient accompanied by Mrs. Creelman, and J. A. Bruce, a New Zealander, who has spent five years in the Philippine Islands and is on his first visit to North America, also came.
Eleven Japanese and 15 Chinese disembarked at Victoria.

OIL-TANKER FROM SINGAPORE

Port Townsend, Wash., Dec. 17.—Twenty-two days from Kuratsa, Japan, the British tanker Ebura arrived today with 6,300 tons of benzine loaded at Singapore and consigned to the American Gasoline company at Richmond Beach. She entered here and proceeded to her port of discharge.
The Ebura reports that during the entire trip across the Pacific not a vessel of any kind was sighted until Cape Flattery was reached. After discharging she will receive orders. It is thought the vessel will go to San Francisco to load cargo.
The tanker's hair, it is said, is now bleached, but this attempt to look like a white man will deceive no one.

Punch.

FAMOUS CAREER OF EMPRESS OF INDIA

Was Royal Yacht for Present King and Queen When They Visited Victoria

FIRST OF THREE OLD EMPRESSES TO ARRIVE

White Liner Revolutionized Trans-Pacific Trade; Now to Be Hospital Ship

After having been a conspicuous figure for the past twenty-three years in the development of Canada's trade with Japan and China, the famous C.P. white liner, Empress of India, has been disposed of to the Gaekwar of Baroda, one of the most prominent princes of the Indian empire. The news of the sale of the well-known steamship reached the Times yesterday afternoon from London and created a great deal of interest among seafaring and shipping men. The India is to act as a hospital ship to the Indian troops now fighting side by side with the men of the British Isles and France in the bloody conflict raging in Europe.

Of the three old Empresses built by the C.P.R. for the trans-Pacific run, the Empress of India has achieved the greatest fame. She was the first of the fleet to reach this coast from her builders' yards, and her appearance in the oriental trade completely revolutionized it. Up to the time of her withdrawal from the service at the outbreak of the war, the India had made 107 round-trips between Victoria and Hongkong. When King George V, then the Duke of Cornwall and York, and Queen Mary, then the Duchess, made their tour of Canada in 1901, the Empress of India was appointed the royal yacht to carry the distinguished party from Vancouver to Victoria and return. After the declaration of war the India was requisitioned by the British admiralty and outfitted at Hongkong. She was one of the troopships which carried the Indian fighters to Marseilles.
Her Outward Voyage.
The Empress of India sailed from Liverpool for Victoria on her maiden trip at 9:30 a.m., February 8, 1891. Capt. O. P. Marshall, well-known all over this coast, was commander of the liner on that memorable voyage, and he remained on her for many years while she sailed in the trans-Pacific service. The log of the India's outward passage was as follows:
"Left Liverpool at 9:30 a.m., February 8, 1891, and arrived at Gibraltar at 9:15 a.m., on the 12th, having experienced moderate easterly winds, with overcast weather.
"Left Gibraltar at 6 p.m. the same day and arrived at Marseilles at 8:30 a.m. on the 15th, having had strong north-east winds, but fine weather. Leaving Marseilles at 5:30 p.m. the following day we arrived at Naples at 7 p.m. on the 17th and left the same evening at 6 p.m. for Port Said.
"Anchored in Port Said at 7:30 a.m. the 22nd, and at 8:25 the following morning proceeded through the canal. On the morning of the 25th, at 7 o'clock, we discharged our pilot, and proceeded on to Colombo, arriving at 7:30 a.m. on March 1st, having had moderate northerly winds and fine weather.
"Leaving at 8 p.m. on the 10th, we arrived in Penang at 8:23 a.m. on the 15th, having had light winds and overcast weather. Weighed anchor at 5:30 p.m. and proceeded for Hongkong, arriving at 5:30 a.m. on the 23rd.
"On April 7, at noon, left for Shanghai, and arrived there at 2:43 p.m. the 8th; leaving the following evening at 11:45 a.m. for Nagasaki at 5:30 a.m. the 12th; left at 8 p.m. and anchored at Kobe at 7:15 a.m. the 14th, thick fog and various winds having been met with in the inland sea.
"At midnight on the 14th, left Kobe and arrived at Yokohama at 8 a.m. the 16th, having experienced strong northerly winds and rainy weather. At 4 p.m. on the 17th, left Yokohama and arrived at Victoria at 7 a.m. April 23, weather across the Pacific being fairly good, with the exception of a heavy gale on the 24th accompanied with much snow and rain. Fine weather was again met with on the 27th."
The Empress of India was enthusiastically received at this port, and upon her arrival at Vancouver she was again royally welcomed. Ever since then the fine vessel has averaged about four trips a year between this coast and the Orient. She has maintained her schedule, along with the Empress of Japan and the Empress of China up to the time of her stranding on the rocks off the coast of Japan, with clocklike regularity. She has battered her way through hurricanes and made rapid passages in calms. Her passing from this trade leaves but one of the old Empresses—the Japan. Upon the termination of the war the last of the old-timers will probably fill in a schedule with the Empresses of Russia and Asia.

The Royal Visit.
The Empress of India arrived in Vancouver on one of her trips from the Orient a few days before the royal party reached this coast and she was selected to act as the royal yacht. On September 30, 1901, the royal party embarked on the steamship and at 8:30 o'clock the following morning the ship with her naval escorts, the cruisers Amphion and Phaeton, the sloop-of-war Condor and the destroyers Albatross and No. 40 T. F., arrived off Victoria. She berthed at the outer docks. Early in the morning of October 3, the royal yacht departed on her return to the mainland.

Among the men who came out on the India on her maiden voyage from the Old Country a few are still residents in British Columbia ports or operating out of Victoria. Capt. Marshall, master of the ship, is living in Vancouver, and Capt. Archibald, who came out as chief officer on the India, is also a citizen of the Terminal City. J. McGowan, superintendent engineer of the C. P. R. at Vancouver, came out as fourth in the India's engine room. Chief Engineer Adamson of the Empress of Russia came out on her as second engineer. He was made chief engineer of the Russia when she entered service and is still with her.

The three old Empresses were built as auxiliary cruisers and have gun stations arranged for. They were built by the Naval Construction company of Barrow, England. The length of the India is 455 feet 6 inches, beam 51 feet 2 inches and draft 33 feet 1 inch. She is registered from the port of London and in technical terms her twin screws and engines are described: "2-3 cyl. T. E. 32, 51, 82 x 54." Her tonnage is 2,032. She is a royal naval reserve ship, a percentage of the officers and men having done training aboard ships of her majesty's navy, and as a proud distinction the white liner flies the blue ensign of the R. N. R.

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ADMIRAL EVANS RUNS AGROUND IN ALASKA

Seattle Steamer Badly Damaged and Has to Be Beached for Temporary Repairs

Seattle, Dec. 17.—Officials of the Pacific Alaska Navigation company were advised by cable from Cordova yesterday that their Alaska liner, the steamship Admiral Evans, while bound from Port Graham for Kodiak, at 8 p.m., on Dec. 14, struck on Bird reef and was badly damaged. The message was sent by wireless from the Admiral Evans to Kodiak, relayed by the government wireless station at that point to Cordova and cabled to Seattle.

Bird Reef is at the entrance to Port Graham.

The message stated that the vessel was flooded at 8:24 the same night, having been fast on the jagged rocks for twenty-four minutes. Captain Hickman, master of the steamer, states that an examination of the vessel showed that her forefoot was badly damaged and that a hole four by seven feet forward of the collision bulkhead was cut in the liner's hull. Following the accident, Captain Hickman beached the vessel at Sedovia, and after making temporary repairs proceeded for Seward.

NORWEGIAN SHIP MAKES FAST RUN FROM AFRICA

Portland, Dec. 17.—Among the quickest passages ever made between Cape Town and the Columbia river was recorded by the Norwegian ship Sierra-Miranda, which covered the more than 15,000-mile course in 109 days. It is contended by some of the mariners in port that if this is not a record for a sailing vessel it approaches close to it. In 90 days after she left Capetown the ship was in view of the light at Tillamook Head.

Captain G. Olson, master of the Sierra-Miranda, says that for 34 days of the passage the ship maintained an average speed of 9.1 miles an hour, which is about as good a showing as made by a few of the tramp steamers engaged in the grain trade. During that period the vessel traversed a distance of 7,415 miles. She came around through Far Eastern waters and into the Pacific instead of following the route around Cape Horn. While this is a far longer route than the other, it is explained that less unfavorable weather usually is encountered by coming that way, making it more popular.

The Sierra-Miranda has a number of other rattling passages to her credit. She will begin taking on a cargo of grain in a day or so for Europe. If she goes home at as lively a pace as she came from the Dark Continent she will be out less than 100 days, winning the honor of making the quickest passage of any of the grain vessels going to that quarter of the globe in several seasons. She has finished discharging her ballast at Linton and is expected to be ready to leave down for the sea by the first of next week.

A. Meling, of Stavanger, Norway, is the owner of the Sierra-Miranda. This is her first trip to Portland. She is under charter to Balfour, Guthrie & Co. The vessel will take out about 115,000 bushels of wheat.

CHARLOTTE LEAVES RUN

The C. P. R. steamer Princess Charlotte, Capt. Griffin, tied up to-day at the inner docks and will be out of service until next spring. Many alterations will be carried out while she is laid up. The new schedule of the C. P. R. coast fleet went into effect to-day.

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CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY Winter Sailings to England

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THAT KHAKI ELECTION

(Montreal Herald.)

It is not expected that Sir Robert Borden in his address to the Montreal "Canadian" club this afternoon will make any reference to the dominion elections. Thus he will observe the political truce.

But his colleagues in the cabinet are not keeping the rule, but are quietly using every means in their power to have all the machinery ready to start at a moment's notice for night and day work, during a very short campaign.

In this connection two recent incidents are noteworthy. One is the interview given out a few days ago, in Montreal, by Mr. R. R. Gamble, M. P., in which he said there would be a dominion election soon, and the other is the semi-official announcement immediately following Mr. Gamble's interview, and published in all the government press, that the holding of a session of parliament had been further postponed.

But there are other incidents that point in the same direction. As is well known, Messrs. Rogers, Cochrane, and Reid are strong advocates of a khaki campaign. To party leaders in Toronto, Montreal and elsewhere Mr. Rogers has been pointing out the advantages of such a campaign and they have been urged to place candidates in the field. In pursuance of these tactics Mr. Rogers' under-study, Solicitor-General Meighen, lately addressed the weekly meeting about quietly and attending conventions in which candidates favored by the Rogers machine are being nominated. Already there have been nominations of this kind made at Medicine Hat, Strathcona, Sault Ste. Marie and Lethbridge, and further conventions are to be held for McLeod and Fox River constituencies. And all this is being done under cover, despite the party truce, and while the country is bracing itself to answer Kitchener's call for more men.

Nor are these signs of political activity confined to the west. Following Mr. Cochrane's recent inspection trip over the I. C. R. a number of Tory meetings and conventions were called in eastern constituencies. Premier Fleming of New Brunswick, who is a royal commissioner of the province, and who has been given one of the party nominations. In the province of Quebec work has been resumed for a large number of government contracts that had been closed down for the winter and in Jacques-Cartier, Champlain-Vernieres and other counties the party workers are as busy as bees in mid-summer.

Naturally the moderate men of both parties, and of no party, look with strong disfavor on these breaches of the truce entered into by Sir Robert Borden and Sir Wilfrid Laurier as representing the Canadian people. Naturally also, these same moderate men are asking what reason there can be for plunging Canada into a mid-winter election, with the war at such a critical stage.

Mr. Rogers and his machine have several reasons, any one of which is sufficient for their purposes. In the first place the quarrels within the

cabinet must soon become public property. When two cabinet ministers employ detectives to watch each other an explosion and consequent exposure cannot long be delayed. To avert that, if possible, and at the same time get rid of the leadership of General Sam Hughes, Mr. Rogers would bring on an election.

Then Mr. Rogers is not alone in seeing the breakers ahead raised by the government's alliance with the C. N. R. At the present moment the consequences of that alliance are viewed with the greatest alarm by the financial leaders of the dominion. Mr. Rogers and his colleagues know this; they know also that the suits entered by Foley, Welch & Stewart and Neely's Limited, against the C. N. R. will increase, that feeling of alarm, and hence they reason that it would be better for their political fortunes, to take chances with an electorate constituted by flag-waving, than to meet parliament and be obliged to confess their failures.

Still further evidence of the government's intention to make the plunge is their solicitude about the French vote. Prior to his appointment to the bench, the Hon. L. P. Robitaille had been active in trying to settle the separate school troubles in Ottawa. His colleagues, the Hon. C. J. Doherty, the Hon. Louis Coderre and the Hon. Frank Cochrane have also tried their hands at the same work. Later the good offices of Sir Charles Fitzpatrick were sought, for the alleged reason, that Premier Borden thought the chief justice would be acceptable to all parties involved in the dispute. During the past week Mr. McGregory Young, counsel for the Ontario government, has been in Ottawa in consultation with members of the Borden cabinet and he was urged to represent Premier Borden and his colleagues that some modification of the troublesome school regulation No. 17 should be made at the earliest possible moment. Friends of the Ottawa administration believe that Premier Borden in the latter's efforts to catch the French vote, and they base their belief on the fact that Mr. Borden was the nominee of the Hon. Frank Cochrane for the province of Ontario, and that at the time of his selection it was whispered about that he would not continue the Whitney tradition in dealing with the French people.

All this may be very interesting to politicians who prefer party advantage to every other consideration, but it is not statesmanship, and it is not the policy of Canada. It is the policy of a few months ago, and which gave the Canadian people an assurance that there would not be such an election as that which the government is trying to force on at the present time.

THE ANGLO-GERMAN PROBLEM.

Whatever answer the present "trial by combat" may give and may it soon be a favorable one for us) the Anglo-German problem will still face us.

Germany rests her case on the argument of hard knocks and logicality. But we Anglo-Saxons rest our case on the policy of live and let live, so whatever may happen to Germany, when the tumult and the shouting dies, we again have to ask ourselves whether there is not room in the world to-day for more than one great civilization, "culture," idea of life, philosophy or whatever we may choose to call it.

It is a question on which everyone of us has a right to form an opinion. The question goes deeper than the white paper, the Serbia episode, or the historic "scrap of papers." The real motive force is Germany's ambition for world dominion, not necessarily for world conquest, but for imposition of German goods and German culture on the civilized world of the future.

The literature on the subject is fortunately easily accessible. First we have Richard's poisonous book which everyone should read, "Germany and the Next War." A dull but authoritative statement of the German case. There is also the late Professor Cram's brilliant exposition of German philosophy in his "Germany and Europe." Perhaps most important of all we have Dr. Sorel's book whose title heads this article, "The Anglo-German Problem." While undeniably entertaining, it is not the work of real depth. The author, in perhaps ideally qualified for the task by reason of his Belgian nationality, his long British residence and interests and his cosmopolitan scholarship, is reading being professor of French in Edinburgh University, the author is also a skillful journalist whose name during the war has become familiar to readers of the daily papers.

After discussing the question, "Why does Europe distrust Germany?" Dr. Sorel analyzes with brilliance and minute care the conditions and historical tendencies of modern Germany. He deals in turn with some of the paradoxes and contradictions of modern Germany, the enormous influence of Prussia, the power of reaction, and the militarist party. A particularly thoughtful chapter is on Nationalism in Germany and the Persuasion of Patriotism. After a brief but biting indictment of Germany's treatment of her own subjects in Poland and Alsace Lorraine, Dr. Sorel proceeds to examine the German "leviathan" against England. Has England taken Germany's place in the world? Has England hemmed in Germany? We need not anticipate his findings here as our readers will probably want to follow his arguments for themselves.

A whole chapter devoted to the fascinating theme of the Kaiser's character and eccentricities is probably the most brilliant piece of writing in the book.

"It will be the great Annapolis of the war," quoth the Kaiser to the Turk. "So, my dear, illustrious and illustrious mentor, let me be the great Annapolis, the big of you," replies the Unapproachable.

EMBLEM OF TRUCE.

For an officer or soldier to display a white flag or other token of surrender in the presence of the enemy is a disgrace equivalent to showing the white feather; and the King's regulations make it unmistakably clear that the offenders will be tried by general court-martial. The surrender by an officer charged with the defense of any territory, post, guard, or position whether fortified or not, which even a detachment may be ordered to hold, can only be justified by the utmost necessity. Unless the necessity becomes an act of shame and disgrace, punishable by death; or if the evidence is insufficient to support such a charge, the offender, if an officer, is liable to be cashiered, or if a soldier to suffer imprisonment.

What renders it so clearly understood that the hoisting of a white flag means, in itself, nothing else than that the one party is asking whether it will receive a communication from the other. In practice, however, the white flag, in consequence of being improperly hoisted in the course of an action, by individual soldiers or small parties, has come to indicate surrender.

The white flag is the universally understood flag of truce and no more. Since time immemorial it has been used as a signal by an army or force that it is anxious to communicate with the enemy; and this is the only significance that it can be said to possess in international law. Great vigilance is always necessary for the question in every case is whether the hoisting of the white flag was authorized by the senior officer. In consequence, when the flag is hoisted, the enemy need not necessarily cease fire, though it is absolutely incumbent on the party which hoists the flag to do so.

A dandy preacher was lost in the happy selection of his text, which he repeated in vigorous accents of pleading, "Oh, brethren, at de las day dere's gwine to be sheep and dere's gwine to be goats. Who's gwine to be de sheep, and who's gwine to be de goats? Let's all try to be like de liff white lambs, brethren. Shall we be de goats, sisters? Naw, we's gwine to be de sheep. Who's gwine to be de sheep, brethren, an' who's gwine to be de goats? Tak' care ob youn souls, sisters; tak' care ob youn souls. Remember, dere's gwine to be goats an' who's gwine to be de goats? Just then a solitary Irishman who had been sitting in the back of the church, listening attentively, rose and said: "O'll be de goat. Go on; tell us de joke, elder. O'll be de goat!"

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RHODES SCHOLAR IS GIVEN COMMISSION

Walter Pearce Secures One in King Edward Herse; Men of Overseas Force Work Hard

Word arrived in the city this morning from Kaniolos from Mr. and Mrs. Pearce that their son, Walter Pearce, who received his education at the University school here and who later secured a Rhodes scholarship while at McGill university, has gained a commission in the King Edward Herse.

Mr. Pearce competed in the tennis championships here last year, being beaten by Capt. J. F. Fogles in the final.

The men of the 20th battalion, overseas expeditionary force are getting lots of training, and by the time they leave Victoria for the front they will be fully equal to the best of the regular army that goes out from the old land.

Yesterday they had a route march, on which they went out fully equipped and armed, including the Oliver equipment, and in spite of the extra weight which this entailed they marched along briskly and in excellent trim. On future route marches they will go out similarly equipped, and will thus have a taste of what active service conditions are like.

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Mrs. J. B. Todd and family wish to thank their many friends, the P. O. E. and the B. I. L. for their kindness and sympathy and for the beautiful floral offerings during their recent bereavement.

LOCAL NEWS

Transfer Cases, Trial Balance Books, Colmar Books, Letts Diaries, 1915, and other New Year Office Supplies. Sweeney-McConnell, Ltd., 1010-12 Langley Street.

Strait Reopened.—The Times was officially informed by the Esquimalt Naval Yard this afternoon that Broughton strait has been reopened for navigation.

Patriotic Aid Fund.—The following amounts were received yesterday by the Patriotic Aid Fund: From the provincial government employees, parliament buildings, \$1,602.15, for November donation; from the B. C. dredging fleet, \$1,036.50 (war fund); and from the officers and crew of the S. S. Prince George, \$88.75.

Had Wrong Designation.—Oscar Pass, counsel for H. O. Kirkham & Co., Ltd., claimed in the police court this morning that the information had been wrongly laid, there being no firm of the designation given in the summons.

The case was therefore discharged, and the city prosecutor announced that a fresh charge would be laid in which the mistake would not be repeated.

It is Prepared in the good old fashioned way. The 25c Merchants' Lunch at the Blanshard Inn, next Public Library.

WAITEMATA AT 'FRISCO

San Francisco, Dec. 17.—To finish loading for Wellington, Melbourne and Sydney, the British freighter Waitemata, of the Union Steamship Company's auxiliary cargo service, arrived yesterday from Vancouver. Here the steamer will load 4,000 tons of freight, the most of which will be made up of canned goods and dried fruit. There will be a shipment of 700 tons of machinery and other freight from the east.

With her holds filled to capacity with Coast products, the steamer Atara, of the Maple Leaf line service, steamed this morning for Avonmouth and Swansea. En route the vessel stops at the California gulf port of Santa Rosalia for a copper consignment.

OBITUARY RECORD

The funeral of Jane C. Lane took place yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the residence of her daughter, Mrs. J. M. Campbell, 1402 Ryan street. Rev. S. J. Thompson, assisted by Rev. E. G. Brown and Rev. John Robinson, officiated. There were many friends of the deceased present, and many beautiful floral tributes testified to the high esteem of her friends. The pall-bearers were: Messrs. G. McKenzie, C. W. Worthington, A. A. Parfitt, D. Smith, J. Manton and A. Wescott. Interment took place in the family plot, Ross Bay cemetery.

"The Christmas Guest."—This evening the pupils of St. George's school will present their miracle play, "The Christmas Guest," in connection with the presentation of the certificates to the pupils who passed in the mid-year examination. The latter will be undertaken by Miss Stevenson. The pupils of the school will also present the third scene from "The Merchant of Venice." To-morrow evening "King Winter's Carnival" will be presented, this being a delightful operetta full of graceful dances and tuneful music. The proceeds of the entertainments, for which a small entrance fee will be charged, will go to the games court.

Dance For Belgians.—Everyone who is going to Miss Kathleen Roberts' club dance to-morrow evening at the Alexandra ballroom is looking forward to a most enjoyable evening. The event is being held in aid of the Belgian relief fund, and coming so close to Christmas week, should be most popular. The arrangements are designed to insure the utmost enjoyment for the patrons Mr. Heaton's orchestra having been engaged to supply the music, and the catering being in the capable hands of Mr. Campbell. Special decorations are being arranged in the hall and supper-rooms and dancing will commence at 8.30. Invitations must be presented at the door. The following ladies have kindly consented to act as chaperones: Mesdames G. Riley, J. D. Gordon, Hanington, F. J. Fowkes, H. J. Scott, F. Moore, Kingham and A. B. Taylor.

Mrs. J. B. Langford, St. Ann street, Oak Bay, will not receive to-morrow, but will be at home the third Friday in January.

CITY DAMAGE SUIT IN FIREWORKS CASE

Father of Child Injured Last Victoria Day Seeks to Recover From Corporation

An aftermath of the fireworks celebration in Beacon Hill park on the evening of May 25 last this morning occupied the attention of Mr. Justice Morrison in the supreme court. An action for damages for personal injuries was heard in which William Halpin, father of Eleanor Halpin, a child five years old, is suing the city of Victoria for damages for the injuries sustained by his child during the course of the display.

F. A. McDiarmid and C. B. S. Phelan appeared for the plaintiff and City Solicitor Robertson, K. C., defended the action.

Dr. A. C. Sinclair was called in to see the child in July, at which time the burn was half healed over. It would be a permanent disfigurement, which could be obviated to some extent by skin-grafting, an expensive operation.

Halpin described the place where he and his family were standing in the park, east of the hill and near the nurseries. When they got there the front places were taken up and the children were placed behind a rope barrier about forty feet from a set piece. This went off without warning and blazing fragments fell among the crowd. His elder daughter ran to tell him that the little girl had been burned. Two men were attending to the child when he got to her. He found pieces of burning materials down the back of her clothing, and her neck and back badly burned on the right side. Her clothing was very considerably burned.

There had been spent on her treatment since some \$150.

Mrs. Halpin gave evidence along the same line, and Julie Halpin, a girl of thirteen, stated that she and her sister were standing on the outside of the rope barrier when balls of fire from a pin-wheel fell among them. The parents were several feet back from the children at the time of the accident.

Dr. George Hall stated that for a considerable portion of its surface the skin was destroyed by the burn, which means that a permanent scar would be left. Owing to the child developing scarlet fever a few days later skin-grafting at that time, which would have lessened the scar, was out of the question. This operation would now be a more costly matter.

This closed the case for the plaintiffs.

J. B. McCallum, secretary of the Victoria Day celebration committee, detailed the arrangements made for the celebration, the grant of \$2,500 from the city, the augmenting of this by donations from citizens, the letting of the fireworks contract to H. B. Brice, of Seattle, and the patrolling of the roped-off space where the display took place by mounted and foot police.

Mr. McDiarmid took objection to Mr. McCallum's evidence on the contention that the city, as owner of the park, was responsible notwithstanding the interference in the matter of well-intentioned citizens.

To Mr. McDiarmid the witness said that H. B. Brice, sent over two competent men to set the display off. He knew nothing of any fire flying from the pin-wheel, but there was from a set-piece representing a battleship in action, this fire falling in the space reserved for the display.

Arthur I. Kirkpatrick, a member of the committee, described the position of the fireworks and the actions he and police constables had taken to keep people from crowding down on the road.

Sergeant Wright, of the mounted force, said there had been a good deal of trouble to keep the people off the grounds were well-policed.

Capt. A. J. Dallain, chairman of the general celebration committee, told of giving first aid to the child from the first-aid case he always carries with him. The child was being borne from where she had been standing by two men, and the parents were being asked for help.

Mr. Robertson held that there was no liability on the city. All the grant put in place upon the city was the duty of maintaining the park as a trust for the use, recreation and enjoyment of the public. "The city did not take fireworks there, nor did it set them off," he said.

What took place was that a committee of citizens undertook to carry out a celebration of Victoria Day. That committee had a right to go there and to set off fireworks there; in fact, the city could not stop them. A decision of Chief Justice Begbie was cited which gave very broad rights to citizens in the use of the park.

The police were there because there was a gathering of the public, and it was necessary that they should be there for the purpose of keeping order. It was true that the mayor presided at a meeting of citizens to arrange for the celebration, but this was an act on his part entirely distinct from his action as chief magistrate and president of the city council. The city had never taken any action as a municipal corporation to hold a celebration, and was not allowed by the municipal act to conduct sports. Even if it could be held that the city had any responsibility it was shown that every reasonable precaution had been taken, but in no manner or form had the corporation taken a hand in the celebration.

He mentioned that on account of the youth of the child he refrained from touching on the point of contributory negligence.

Mr. McDiarmid relied on the park being public property, the fact that the city to its use for a fireworks display, the grant of \$2,500 by the city council, and a plea that the public should not have been allowed to come so close to the fireworks, for a judgment for his clients. He cited the judgment of Mr. Justice Lorange in

a case arising out of one of the Montreal ice carnivals of 20 years ago, in which a verdict was given against the city of Montreal in connection with the death of a Madame Forget, struck by a piece of a bomb which exploded prematurely during a spectacular attack on the ice palace by snowshoes. Judgment was reserved.

GOVERNMENT ASKED TO KILL SWEEPSTAKE

Deputation Urges Suppression of "Artificial Stimulus to Spirit of Cupidity"

A very strong indictment of the "Imperial Sweepstake," which, under the true colors of the Union Jack is being foisted on the people of Victoria, was made this morning in the provincial executive chamber, when an influential deputation, representing practically every religious organization in the city, called on Sir Richard McBride to seek, if possible, some method of having a stop put to the proceedings by means of which certain gentlemen are endeavoring to lift the theatre out of its hole.

The deputation consisted of the Social Service Commission and friends, and included the Bishop of Columbia, the Bishop of Victoria, the Dean of Columbia, Ven. Archdeacon Scribner, Rev. Dr. Scott, Rev. Dr. Clay, Rev. William Stevenson, Rev. H. E. B. Speight, Rev. Robert Connell, Rev. E. G. Miller, Rev. J. Philip, Rev. Mr. G. Miller, Rev. Thomas Green, Rev. L. S. Baker, Rev. Thomas Green, Rev. L. S. Albright, ex-Ald. Gleason and Mr. Bailey. Various women's organizations were also well represented. Sir Richard McBride and Hon. Dr. Young were present on behalf of the government.

Rev. William Stevenson introduced the deputation, and the presentation of the popular case was entrusted to the Lord Bishop of Columbia and Rev. Dr. Scott.

The bishop, speaking with deep feeling, said that the deputation came with all respect to ascertain what action the government was prepared to take in the matter of the "Imperial Sweepstake." He then recounted very briefly the terms of the sweepstake as set forth in the bill which has been distributed broadcast, and the prizes which are being offered. Many people were grieved, he said, that such means were being taken to lift public burden from the men who had shouldered it.

A time like the present should be for all within the British Empire a time of thrift and toil, and it was wrong to encourage people to squander hard-earned money at such a time.

"If no action is taken in the matter," he added warningly, "it will be a deep blot on the name of this fair city."

The suggestion had been made, he continued, that the sweepstake was made legal by promising of certain advantages outside the prizes, but that ticket-holders would be entitled to attend a series of patriotic concerts. If the sweepstake were carried out as it was evidently intended to be, there would need to be 250,000 admissions to the series of concerts, which would keep the theatre busy for three years. This provision he dubbed as "an evasion of the law."

The bishop said further that in August last he had been rejoiced to read in the Colonist that Mr. Bowser had stated that "in view of the extraordinary conditions which confront the people of this province as a result of the outbreak of the war, I think it imperative that this department should place the stamp of disapproval upon anything coming within its jurisdiction which entails a public expenditure on their hard-earned savings." To that end I have issued such instructions as will, I hope, put an end to gambling in sweepstake tickets.

"What we want to ask," said the bishop, "is whether this sweepstake under discussion does not come within this provision, and what steps are going to be taken to put a stop to it."

The moral effect, he pointed out, was obvious, and in support he quoted an apt phrase by Dr. Lyttleton, headmaster of Eton, who had had as much to do with incipient gambling as most men. Of the sweepstake this eminent publicist had said: "It is an artificial stimulus given to the spirit of cupidity." It was furthermore an inherent wrong, and therefore he would plead that the powerful influence of the government should be exercised to put an immediate stop to proceedings which cast an odious reflection on the name and character of the city of Victoria.

Rev. Dr. Scott, chairman of the Social Service Commission, said that the deputation represented a large body of the settlement of the best people in the city. From an economic standpoint he urged that the suppression of this particular sweepstake was an absolute necessity.

"To kick at least \$250,000," he said emphatically, "from a community in a time of stress, and when so many people are destitute and the government is being urged every day to lend a hand to the unemployed, becomes a social and economic issue that should have the cognizance of the government."

If there was a doubt about the illegality of the business, the speaker was of the opinion that it should be put into the courts immediately and a ruling obtained from a judge. On the other hand it was so manifestly a regular gambling scheme that what the courts might say, popular opinion was not dissuaded.

Approximately 75 per cent. of the population which was to be raised, proceeded Dr. Scott, was to go to the benefit of an impelled institution, and this was to be taken from the people at a time when they could ill-afford it. If this was allowed to proceed, he asked, what was there to prevent every other impelled institution from raising its funds in the same way?

In conclusion, Dr. Scott said that he was confident that the government would save a situation which threatened

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need to bring into disrepute the criminal code of Canada.

In his reply to the deputation, Sir Richard McBride said he was greatly impressed with the strong indictment the speakers had presented in characterizing the proposal as a social and economic offence. Except from what he had seen in the press he had no knowledge of the sweepstake, but from what he had thus ascertained it appeared to have local features of interest, and would undoubtedly require close scrutiny to see what was involved.

To this end he intended to have a report from the attorney-general's office covering the whole case, while the attorney-general himself would be back in a day or two. He would let the commission know within a few days what could be done.

Before the deputation dispersed, Rev. Dr. Clay pointed out the undignified use of the flag in connection with a very questionable business, and urged that in view of the government's well-known anxiety to keep the flag out of such company—corporations, the action of the promoters of the sweepstake in thus using the empire symbol should weigh with the government in giving its decision.

EXAMINED FARMING DURING LONG TOUR

Dr. Creelman, of Guelph, Was in New Zealand, Australia, China and Japan

"While the conditions in New Zealand are somewhat similar to our own in Canada, in Australia and the Orient I found the situation entirely different," said Dr. G. C. Creelman, president of the Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph, on coming ashore from the Sado Maru this afternoon.

Dr. Creelman has been away from Canada for some months, his principal business being to advise the New Zealand government on the establishment of an agricultural college for that dominion. His experience in Ontario particularly fitted him for the conditions prevailing in the southern domain. While there he took part in some of the meetings of the British association.

"From Auckland," he said to the Times, "I crossed to Australia and visited several of the colleges and extended my investigations over part of each of the eastern states. In Victoria I motored for several days through the western districts with Dr. Elwood Mead, head of the irrigation work of the state. There is a serious drought in Australia to-day and it promises to be worse than any since the terrible one in 1902. The value of sheep has fallen almost to nothing and prospects this summer there are distinctly bad."

I have a fine opinion of the country and the people, whose courtesy I desire to acknowledge.

"From Australia I proceeded to Manila, and thence to China. What has been said about the intensive cultivation in China and Japan is true—it is really a great garden, some areas in cultivation and not a drop of water or piece of manure is wasted. There they can have labor so cheaply that it is not an age of agricultural machinery and in that respect farming there absolutely differs from ours in this country. It is farming, not gardening, from what I saw in the interiors of both countries."

Dr. Creelman is on his way home for Christmas. He mentioned several men connected with the British Columbia department of agriculture who were graduates of Guelph college. Several of the leading officials here were students of his in past years. He said he was proud of the work they were doing in this province, under conditions unfavorable to agricultural development through physical difficulties unknown in Ontario.

ROTARY CLUB GIFTS

One Thousand Soldiers Will Have Christmas Smokes; Members to Have Tree; Convention Views

The members of the Rotary club were transported this afternoon from the Westholme Grill, where they were holding their weekly luncheon, to the sunny cities of Texas through the agency of Manager J. H. Rice, of Pantages theatre, and a lantern.

A great number of views of the convention held in Houston by the Rotarians of the continent were shown, and the familiar faces of some of the chief men of Canada and the United States who took part in it were cheered as they appeared upon the screen. In addition to the views shown of the convention city there were many others of the trip of the delegates to Dallas, Austin, and other cities of the Lone Star state, as well as over the border into Mexico.

A hearty vote of thanks was returned to Mr. Rice for the very excellent entertainment he had given his fellow-members.

It was announced by W. Q. Arnold, chairman of the committee which has been in hand the collection of a fund for the purpose of supplying smoking

materials to the allied troops in the trenches in France, that there had been collected and forwarded the sum of over \$115, which would provide for the furnishing to more than one thousand soldiers of tobacco and cigarettes during the holiday season. The necessary materials will be obtained from one of the big London firms by the officers of the London Rotary club, and will be turned over to the War Office for transport to the front.

As the next luncheon will be held on Christmas Eve a novelty has been arranged by James Hunter and the other members of the entertainment committee. There will be a Christmas tree, on which will be hung gifts from the members to each other. These are to be, as far as possible, articles of Victoria manufacture, and each recipient is called to the front to receive his gift. This will be a test of his knowledge of the businesses of the members of the club.

NEW CHAPTERS FORMED

I. O. O. E. Branches at Nanaimo and Fulford Harbor; One Forming at Alert Bay.

During the month just past several new chapters of the I. O. O. E. have been formed in various parts of the island, as follows: On December 3, at Nanaimo, the "Nanaimo Eight Infantry" chapter; regent, Mrs. Carpenter; first vice-regent, Mrs. Benson; second vice-regent, Mrs. Hoyt; secretary, Mrs. Calder; treasurer, Miss Stannard; standard-bearer, Mrs. Lis.

At thirty-four members were enrolled at the inaugural meeting, and the motto adopted was—"In Time of Peace Prepare for War."

Another chapter was formed at Fulford Harbor on November 30, this being known as the "Colonist" chapter, with the following officers: Regent, Mrs. Jackson; first vice-regent, Mrs. Soule; second vice-regent, Mrs. Blackburn; secretary, Miss Price; and treasurer, Mrs. Price. Miss Hamilton was elected standard-bearer, and the motto adopted was—"Freedom, God and Right." The Provincial Chapter, I. O. O. E. has forwarded as a gift, wool for the knitting of socks.

Another chapter is in course of formation at Alert Bay, which will be known as the "Nimbley" chapter, the regent being Miss Neville, of the girls' school, Alert Bay. The organization was present at the above organizational meetings, representing the Provincial Chapter, I. O. O. E.

ELKS DROP THREE GAMES TO OUTLAWS

The Elks dropped all three games to the Outlaws last night in the bowling league. Scores:

Outlaws
Scottie 153 162 173—488
Smith 153 140 153—446
Hillingsley 177 125 165—467
S. Patterson 125 149 113—397
Procknow 125 149 153—427

Elks' Club
Turner 166 149 187—402
Patt 128 123 111—372
Parr 151 111 194—356
Relly 133 152 146—431
Low Score 125 140 126—371

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TO MANAGE SOX.

Chicago, Dec. 17.—Clarence Rowland, last year manager of the Peoria Three-I league club, and former manager of the Aberdeen Northwestern league club, to-day signed as manager of the Chicago Americans for a term of one year.

HON. J. G. CLARKE NAMES NEW BRUNSWICK CABINET

St. John, N. B., Dec. 17.—The new provincial cabinet was named in Fredericton to-day. Hon. J. G. Clarke, formerly attorney-general and acting premier, called upon to form a new cabinet upon the resignation of Hon. J. K. Flemming, presented his cabinet to Lieut.-Governor Wood, who approved it and the members were sworn in. Mr. Clarke becomes minister of lands and mines, Mr. Flemming's former portfolio, and Lieut.-Col. J. P. M. Baxter, K. C., of St. John, recorder of the city, becomes attorney-general. The other officers remain as heretofore.

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STANDARD LEAD AND SNOWSTORM LED LIST

Sentiment on Local Exchange—Confident, but Little Initiative Shown

Varied action characterized prices on the Victoria stock exchange this morning, some issues gaining a little and others losing insignificantly. Altogether, sentiment was confident but lacking in initiative, for there was no disposition shown to enhance values to any extent. Snowstorm conserved its strength and inquiry for standard lead showed no let-up for the session, this issue having created quite an investment following the past few weeks. It being a general expectation that dividends will soon be resumed, also that the probing of new properties now under way will prove speculative assets.

	Mid.	Ask'd
Blackbird Syndicate	37.00	37.00
B. C. Refining Co.	30.00	30.00
B. C. Copper Co.	70.00	70.00
C. N. P. Fisheries	10.00	10.00
Cornwall Gold	10.00	10.00
Lucky Jim Zinc	10.00	10.00
McGillivray Coal	10.00	10.00
Nugget Gold	10.00	10.00
Portland Canal	10.00	10.00
Rambler Caribou	10.00	10.00
Red Cliff	10.00	10.00
Standard Lead	10.00	10.00
Snowstorm	10.00	10.00
Stewart M. & D.	10.00	10.00
Slocan Star	10.00	10.00
S. S. Island Creamery	10.00	10.00
Stewart Land	10.00	10.00
United	10.00	10.00
Glacier Creek	10.00	10.00
Grand Investment	10.00	10.00
Union Club (deb.)	10.00	10.00
Western Can. P. Mills	10.00	10.00
Portland Tunnels	10.00	10.00
North Shore Iron	10.00	10.00
Athabasca Oil	10.00	10.00
Sooke Waterworks	10.00	10.00

PURELY BULL FEELING DOMINATED WHEAT PIT

(By F. W. Stevenson & Co.)
 Chicago, Dec. 17.—There was not a weak spot in the market from the opening bell. Export houses were early buyers. Of late there has been buying in the market which is supposed to be for a big and successful leader. Early sellers naturally had to change front and follow the bull market. Some were inclined to construe the increase in winter wheat acreage as a bullish indication. The 1915 harvest is too far ahead to be a market factor, while primary receipts are down to \$9.00 for the day, and export clearance enormous at 2,000,000 wheat and flour. Omaha, Kansas City and New York all reporting active among export houses. France and Italy buying wheat heavily.

Wheat	Open	High	Low	Close
July	113 1/2	115 1/2	113 1/2	114 1/2
Dec.	112 1/2	114 1/2	112 1/2	113 1/2
May	122 1/2	124 1/2	122 1/2	123 1/2
Corn	62 1/2	64 1/2	62 1/2	63 1/2
July	62 1/2	64 1/2	62 1/2	63 1/2
Dec.	62 1/2	64 1/2	62 1/2	63 1/2
May	62 1/2	64 1/2	62 1/2	63 1/2
Oats	43 1/2	45 1/2	43 1/2	44 1/2
July	43 1/2	45 1/2	43 1/2	44 1/2
Dec.	43 1/2	45 1/2	43 1/2	44 1/2
May	43 1/2	45 1/2	43 1/2	44 1/2
Barley	18 1/2	19 1/2	18 1/2	18 1/2
July	18 1/2	19 1/2	18 1/2	18 1/2
Dec.	18 1/2	19 1/2	18 1/2	18 1/2
May	18 1/2	19 1/2	18 1/2	18 1/2

UNITED STATES WHEAT SOWN.

Washington, Dec. 17.—Winter wheat has been sown this fall on 4,135,000 acres in the United States, an increase of 4,135,000 acres over the revised estimated area sown last fall, the department of agriculture announced today. The condition of winter wheat December 1 was 88.3 per cent. of a normal, against 97.2 last year, 90.2 in 1912, and 90.2 the ten-year average.

METAL MARKETS.

New York, Dec. 17.—Lead quiet, \$3.75 per lb.

GRAND TRUNK ISSUE TO COST SEVEN PER CENT.

London, Dec. 17.—The Grand Trunk railway new issue of 54 per cent. three-year notes is put forward under the burdensome conditions of the company offering one per cent. commission to the underwriters, and apart from general expenses the issue will cost them seven per cent. The company, during the summer sold two million one year bills on a basis, which, like the latest offer, was secured in debenture stock.

NEW YORK COTTON MARKET.

(By F. W. Stevenson & Co.)
 Open High Low Close
 Jan. 7.20 7.25 7.15 7.20
 March 7.34 7.40 7.30 7.40
 May 7.48 7.54 7.40 7.50
 July 7.64 7.70 7.60 7.65
 Oct. 7.80 7.86 7.80 7.85
 Dec. 7.96 8.02 7.96 8.00

AUTOMOBILE BANDIT SHOT AT CINCINNATI

Robbed Two Banks and Engaged in Pistol Duel With Police

Cincinnati, Ohio, Dec. 17.—An automobile bandit, believed to have been operating alone, terrorized the west side business section today, robbing two banks within a radius of ten blocks, shot and seriously wounded the cashier of one bank, shot at the cashier of the other, and finally was captured after a revolver duel with three policemen, one of whom he shot, later being wounded himself. It is known that the robber obtained \$8,000 in the first bank, the west end branch of the Provident Savings Bank & Trust company, and the officials of the Liberty Banking & Savings company, the second bank robbed, believed that the amount he obtained there will run into the thousands when a check is made.

The police in another automobile followed the bandit, picking up his trail after the second robbery. The policeman who was shot and the robber were removed to a hospital, but the physicians in attendance said they were unable to say how serious the wounds might be. There were several persons in each bank at the time of the robbery, but the promiscuous use of the bandit's revolver held them in check. At the branch of the Provident bank the robber scaled an eight-foot screen, fired at Edward Hughes, the cashier, grabbed \$8,000, backed slowly to the door and escaped in his automobile, followed by a fusillade from Hughes' revolver.

An automobile load of police took up his trail, but had lost it when they learned of the second robbery, which was carried off in practically the same manner as the first. At the second bank the bandit shot and probably seriously wounded George Winters, cashier.

The bandit had rented a room yesterday in a West Ninth street apartment house, and the owner of the apartment house, having read a description of the police to the similarity. Three policemen called at his room, and upon opening the door were received with a shower of shots. Policeman Knaul fell wounded and the bandit jumped past the other two officers and fled to the street, re-entered his automobile which was standing in front of the house and fled. His flight proved unlucky for him, inasmuch as he crashed into a pole—rounding the first corner and wrecked the car.

He extricated himself from the wreckage and started to run, but the officers by that time were close to him, and after an exciting exchange of shots the bandit fell. He died later in the day.

Physicians at the hospital said probably Policeman Knaul would die. Both were shot four times.

WOMAN TAKES WHIP TO NEWSPAPER OFFICE

After Few Wild Slashes is Removed From Office of Ottawa Journal.

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 17.—Mrs. A. C. Glennie, wife of the man who organized the Bourassa meeting last night, and a woman of distinct suffragette bearings, entered the office of P. D. Ross, proprietor of the Ottawa Journal, this morning armed with a horse-whip and proceeded to wield the weapon on his person. After a few wild slashes Mrs. Glennie was ejected from the office by the burly proprietor, but not before she had delivered a spirited harangue.

MORATORIUM IN FRANCE EXTENDED TWO MONTHS

Paris, Dec. 17.—For the fourth time since the beginning of the war the financial settlements have been postponed. The moratorium, applying to all negotiable securities dated before September 4 and maturing before March 3, 1915, have been extended for two months.

DRESDEN REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN SUNK

Buenos Ayres, Dec. 17.—Unconfirmed reports that the German cruiser Dresden had been run down and sunk by the British cruiser Glasgow were current here today. It was impossible to confirm them.

RECEIVER FOR SEATTLE SUN.

Seattle, Dec. 17.—The receiver appointed yesterday of the Sun, which is continuing its publication, prints an advertisement offering the paper for sale. Failing to effect a sale, the receiver says, he will suspend publication of the paper and close the affairs of the company.

Finchs' Bankrupt Sale Starts To-Morrow Morning, Friday at 9.30

A Sale Unprecedented in the History of the City

Profits, did you say? There'll be no such thing. Out everything goes regardless of cost price, and such sacrifices shall we make that they'll go with a rush. Thousands of bargain hunters will be here to-morrow, as will also gift seekers—see that you're one of them. Everybody can't get the same article or garment, it's first comers who get the pick. Be a first comer. Doors don't open Friday till 9.30, so you'll have plenty of time to get breakfast things out of the way. The bargains will stand out with diamond-like brilliancy. This sale will dumfound competition and astound even the most experienced retail shopper. For you to miss this will almost equal throwing your dollars away. True, the "snaps" are almost unbelievable, if it wasn't for the fact of their being offered HERE.

DON'T FORGET, THE SALE STARTS TO-MORROW MORNING AT 9.30—BE HERE "ON THE DOT"

SUITS! SUITS! SUITS!

Plain Tailored Winter Suits in navy blue serges, diagonals, etc. Reg. up to \$17.50. Bankrupt Sale Price \$5.00

Navy Blue and Grey Serge Suits, including O. S., plain tailored, Skinner's satin linings, only just arrived. Reg. to \$35.00. Bankrupt Sale Price \$15.00

A Line of Model Suits, this season's. Reg. up to \$115.00. Bankrupt Sale Price \$37.50

STREET SKIRTS

Serges, voiles, marquisettes, etc. Reg. up to \$15.00. Bankrupt Sale Price \$4.90

SERGE HOUSE DRESSES

In all shades. Reg. to \$8.00. Bankrupt Sale Price \$3.50

Another line with the tunic effect Regular to \$9.50. Bankrupt Sale Price \$4.90

EVENING GOWNS

Dainty Little Gowns of satin, crepe de chine and chiffon. Reg. to \$35.00. Bankrupt Sale Price \$5.00

Gowns of silk crepe, satins, lace, etc. Regular to \$65.00. Bankrupt Sale Price \$10.00

Imported Model Evening Gowns in rich materials and trimmings. Reg. to \$200. Bankrupt Sale Price \$25.00

DAY DRESSES

In the very latest cuts, mostly silk and silk crepes. Reg. to \$25.00. Bankrupt Sale Price \$10.00

OPERA AND RESTAURANT CLOAKS Of these we have a truly sumptuous assortment. Reg. to \$125.00. Bankrupt Sale Price \$15.00

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In this lot there are two dozen heavy Winter weight Coats. 30 Winter Coats. Reg. to \$15.00. Bankrupt Sale Price \$5.00

CORSETS

B. & J. Lace Front Corsets. Regular up to \$15.00. Bankrupt Sale Price \$4.35

Madame Irene Corsets. Reg. up to \$13.00. Bankrupt Sale Price \$4.35

Ring Belt Corsets for stout figures. Regular \$6.00 to \$2.75. Bankrupt Sale Prices \$4.35 to \$1.75

BLOUSES AND WAISTS

Such values! Quite unheard of before. Voiles, marquisettes, fine lawns, fancy materials. Reg. prices to \$7.50. Bankrupt Sale Price \$2.55

Imported Waists, beautifully trimmed with Maltese and Irish laces. A few silk waists. Regular price up to \$14.00. Bankrupt Sale Price \$3.75

Black Sateen Blouses, White Washable Blouses, in fancy and plain styles. Regular up to \$2.25. Bankrupt Sale Price 50c

Delaines, Crepes, Voiles, Fancy material, Pique, Cashmere, also Flannel Waists. Regular up to \$5.00. Bankrupt Sale Price 90c

SEASONABLE HOSIERY

Ladies' Black Cashmere, Lisle and Plaited Silk Hose. Regular to 75c pair. Bankrupt Sale Price, 3 pairs for \$4.00

Children's "Little Darling" Hose, in black, tan, cream and other colors. Reg. per pair 25c. Bankrupt Sale Price 15c

Ladies' Penman's Hose in black only. Regular per pair 25c. Bankrupt Sale Price, 2 pairs for 25c

All other lines to be sacrificed.

SCARFS, MUFLERS AND VEILINGS

Black Lace Mantillas. Reg. \$60. Bankrupt Sale Price \$25.00

Regular \$35.00, for \$15.00. Regular \$10.00, for \$5.00

One Only, Beautiful Black Beaded Scarf. Regular \$35.00. Bankrupt Sale Price \$14.25

Opera or Restaurant Scarfs in chiffons and silks, in all colors. Reg. prices \$20, \$25. Bankrupt Sale Price \$5.95

Another line similar to above. Regular \$8.50 to \$15.00. Bankrupt Sale Price \$3.25

Warm Woolen Muflers, with one dome fastener. Regular 50c. Bankrupt Sale Price 15c

Black and Red, and Black and White Silk Mixture Fringed Muflers. Reg. \$1.75 to \$3.75. Bankrupt Sale Price 90c

White Silk Muflers, heavy quality. Regular \$6.25 to \$8.00. Bankrupt Sale Price \$2.95

REAL LACE COLLARS

One only in genuine rose point lace. Regular \$45.00. Bankrupt Sale Price \$15.00

One only in real Venice lace, \$50. Bankrupt Sale Price \$15.00

One only Real Duchess Lace Collar. Reg. \$37.50. Bankrupt Sale Price \$12.50

HUNDREDS AND HUNDREDS OF GLOVES

Ladies' Gauntlet Gloves in mocha and cape finishes, soft and stiff cuffs. Regular to \$3.50 per pair. Bankrupt Sale Price \$1.75

Long Chamois Gloves, 12 button. Reg. \$1.50. Bankrupt Sale Price 50c

Kayser Silk Gloves in all colors except black and white. Regular price 75c. Bankrupt Sale Price \$1.00

Perrin's Celebrated Olga Kid Gloves, in all colors. Regular \$1.50. Bankrupt Sale Price 95c

Woolen Gloves and Mitts, black and white and colored. Regular price 25c. Bankrupt Sale Price, 2 pairs for 25c

WINTER UNDERWEAR

Children's Woolen Vests and Drawers, including the celebrated Cee-tee and Watson's Brand. Regular \$2.00. Bankrupt Sale Price 75c

Children's Combinations in Cee-tee and other makes up to \$3.25. Bankrupt Sale Price \$1.25

Ladies' "Health" Brand Vests, short and long sleeves, low neck. Reg. to \$1.50. Bankrupt Sale Price 75c

Drawers same prices. Ladies' Woolen Vests and Drawers. Regular to \$1.25. Bankrupt Sale Price 50c

Ladies' All-Wool Vests. Regular 50c. Bankrupt Sale Price 25c

Ladies' Woolen Combinations, long sleeves, high neck, ankle length. Reg. price \$2.25. Bankrupt Sale Price \$1.00

Ladies' Black Woolen Tights. Regular to \$1.85. Bankrupt Sale Price 95c

MILLINERY

All Pattern Hats. Reg. up to \$10.00. Bankrupt Sale Price \$2.50

Pattern Hats. Reg. up to \$15.00. Bankrupt Sale Price \$5.00

Imported Trimmed Hats. Reg. up to \$20. Bankrupt Sale Price \$7.50

Imported Parisian and New York Hats, such as Ravak's Georgette and Vogue. Regular up to \$35.00. Bankrupt Sale Price \$10.00

Children's and Misses' Little Novelty Hats. Reg. to \$3.75. Bankrupt Sale Price 95c

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WEEKLY WEATHER REPORT.

Victoria Observatory.
From the 9th to the 15th Dec., 1914.
Victoria—Total amount of bright sunshine, 24 hours and 42 minutes; rain, 59 inches; snow, 10 inch; highest temperature, 48 on 9th; lowest, 40 on 12th and 13th.
Vancouver—Total amount of bright sunshine, 21 hours and 42 minutes; snow, 25 inch; highest temperature, 48 on 9th; lowest, 22 on 12th.
Nanaimo—Total amount of bright sunshine, 23 hours; snow, 2 inches; highest temperature, 44 on 9th; lowest, 34 on 12th.
New Westminster—Snow, 19 inch; highest temperature, 48 on 9th; lowest, 21 on 12th.
Kamloops—Total amount of bright sunshine, 13 hours and 34 minutes; highest temperature, 29 on 10th; lowest, 2 on 12th and 13th.
Penticton—Highest temperature, 32 on 10th; lowest, 5 on 12th.
Nelson—Highest temperature, 32 on 9th; lowest, 6 on 12th and 14th.
Barkerville—Highest temperature, 36 on 11th; lowest, 8 below on 11th and 15th.
Princeton—Highest temperature, 34 on 9th; lowest, 24 on 12th.



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the nature of the class," he observed amid laughter.

Mr. Green asked for proof of the evidence before the commissioners.

Mr. Aikman: "The objector has no right to hear the evidence which the commissioners have, which ordinarily is secret testimony, until it becomes a matter of court proceedings. He is demanding a great deal more than he is entitled to know."

License Inspector Hatcher stated that the use of the term "undesirable" in the report did not mean necessarily "immoral."

The renewal was granted, after the mayor had cautioned Mr. Temple, the licensee, as to the future conduct of the house.

J. Wolfenden, one of the licensees of the King Edward hotel, appeared to answer a complaint that the bar had not been closed at the stipulated hours on September 23 and November 11.

Inspector Hatcher gave formal evidence.

For the hotel Mr. Wolfenden submitted that the house was closing a minute or two late when the inspectors came in. It was claimed by him that the proprietors had been of considerable assistance to the police, and there had been no violation of the act.

Chief Langley spoke very highly of the licensees, who had operated one of the best conducted houses in Victoria. He would not object to having lady relatives of his own visit the house at any time.

The board renewed the license. Speaking of the objection taken to the renewal of the license of the Leland hotel, H. W. Herchmer believed that the license should be directed as to the sales of liquor to women.

The license, A. Hesse, declared that the house never supplied liquor to women.

Another objection to the same license was taken on the grounds of liquor being supplied to Hindus. Mr. Hesse stated that the Hindus came to a neighboring store, which was formerly kept by their countrymen. Hindus who had secured liquor in the vicinity often congregated across the road. The renewal was granted.

City Prosecutor Harrison sought further time in regard to the preparation of the Pandora hotel case, to which he had made reference at the previous meeting. This case will be taken up on Saturday morning.

Dealing with a complaint about noisy hours in the early morning at the Westholme hotel, the mayor spoke to the holder of the temporary permit, the chief complaint being that the patrons sang patriotic songs at unreasonable hours of the morning.

A renewal was granted to the Grand Central hotel. Transfers were granted in the following cases: Panama hotel, from F. W. Clark to D. P. Barnhardt, charged against the municipality.

Victoria hotel, from Albert B. Brooks to James Balagano; Ritz hotel, from B. L. Robertson to J. Fortin; St. Francis hotel, from George D. Sedney to Peter Steele. Extensions of the temporary permits, pending proper advertisement of transfers, were ordered in the cases of the Clarence hotel, James Bay hotel and Westholme hotel. These will be dealt with at the next session of the board.

Renewals of wholesale licenses were granted to the Victoria Phoenix brewery, Silver Spring brewery, Duncan & Gray, Hudson's Bay company, Fitch & Leiser, J. J. B. P. R. R. & Co., Ltd.; Hiram Walker & Co., H. C. Briggs, R. J. R. & Co., Turner, Beaton & Co. Ltd., and the Victoria, Vancouver Importing & Liquor Co.

SAANICH LOSES

Court Finds for the Worswick Paving Company in its Claim Against the Municipality.

After hearing counsel for the two parties Mr. Justice Morrison, in the Supreme court yesterday afternoon, found for the plaintiffs in the action of the Worswick Paving company against the municipality of Saanich.

Damages in the sum of \$9,000 odd were used for by the company, on the ground that it had lost that much through the failure to go ahead with the paving of roadways the contract for which had been awarded to it as part of the general paving scheme of the municipality.

The afternoon was taken up in hearing H. B. Robertson for the municipality and F. A. McDiarmid for the plaintiff company on the several points raised during the hearing.

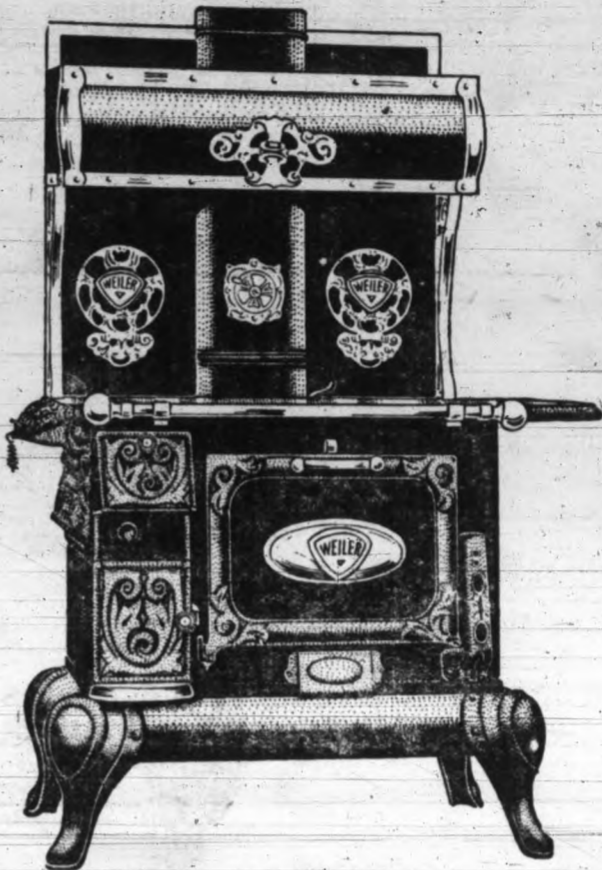
Mr. Robertson argued that the by-law under which the municipality had acted in awarding the contract was invalid, inasmuch as the amount which was stated as having to be raised for sinking fund was an amount which fell short by \$70,000 of the sum necessary to produce the full amount required. In any case, he contended, the municipality had never done anything to delay the company in the carrying out of the contract, and had taken no steps to repudiate it until July last.

Mr. McDiarmid said the company had always been ready to undertake the work and had gone to great expense in preparing to do so by assembling plant, obtaining materials and engaging competent workmen. He argued that no matter what the status of the by-law the contract bound the municipality to the company in the matter.

His lordship found for the company to the extent of \$6,545.56, this being the amount of its claim less the charge made by it for work purchased, which he did not think should be taken into account.

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